

Finance Committee

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I would ask that you vote NO for new taxes in CT. As it is, CT is one of the most expensive States to live in and it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay in my home state. It also makes it very difficult to start a small business here in CT.

I believe that that state would need to exhibit some fiscal responsibility before asking for new tax money.

Where is the money you get going now? CT Social Services programs encourage people to limit their work hours so they can receive free health care, have babies to get a free home, use SNAP money to buy lottery tickets, spend 300-400 of their SNAP money because they are having a BBQ party, and spend 50-60 on lobsters. I'm not guessing, I see these things regularly. I work two jobs to support my family only to have most of my hard-earned money taken in taxes.

Please take into consideration those hard working families that will have to go without because you are taking their income in taxes and those that won't be able to buy things because the sales tax has put that out of reach. You will be stifling businesses, choking the life out of their ability to provide for their families, and chasing the working class out of the state and leaving only those that the state pays to live here.

If the state needs more money, look to stop wasting the money we are giving you now. You have a moral obligation to take care of **all** the citizens of this state not just those that choose not to work enough to get state assistance.

I'm not saying some people don't need it, but it should be limited and the state could provide work programs for those receiving benefits. Train them to get a job and contribute to our communities instead of bleeding us dry.

Thank you

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