

## Frilling, Tara

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**Cc:** Senator Slossberg; Rep. Rose, Kim; zRepresentative Charles Ferraro; zRepresentative Pam Staneski  
**Subject:** Against the Tax Increase Proposed by Governor Malloy

My name is Kimberly Kasparian. I am a CT resident who lives in Milford. My husband Angelus Perez and I own two small businesses that would be negatively impacted by these proposals.

I know people on the capital work very hard however I think the danger being there is that our representatives get isolated and out of touch with the impact their decisions. I would like to remind those that serve us of a few facts that need to be considered.

- We are a consumer-based society. What the plan proposes makes it harder for us to spend money. The more taxes we have to pay for goods and services gives us less buying power. Less spending hurts the economy.
- CT is notoriously known for not being nice to businesses and this plan proves that.
  - Increasing filing fees, tax burdens
  - Forcing us to tax our clients means they have less money to spend and we lose income. We become less competitive.
  - I have already lost income and income relationships due to CT taxing affiliate relationships via internet. (i.e. Amazon)
- This proposal is going to force more people out of CT. Why should I stay in CT and pay taxes on everything I need to use when other states do not burden me and offer more business incentives to help me.

I am sure you are going to get a lot of stock letters filled with talking points and will include them below. I felt a personal email would help.

- If we have bills we can't pay we either need to cut the budget or create more jobs to cover the burden.
- Our leaders have to be honest about their mis-spending and mis appropriate on transportation dollars that were supposedly being raised by our existing gas tax.

### FORMAL TALKING POINTS

**Lasting harm:** Unsustainable spending levels and huge tax increases, combined with shredding the state spending cap, will do serious and lasting harm to Connecticut's economy and workforce.

**Uncompetitive:** Many of our competitor states are working to lower corporate, income and other tax rates, not raise them. Those states are marketing against Connecticut because of our high cost of doing business.

**Drain:** If we don't reverse course, Connecticut's reputation as a place to do business will worsen, and we will continue to see the drain of capital and talent from the state.

**Stop the cycle:** We have to break the corrosive cycle of deficits followed by tax increases followed by deficits and more tax increases

**Grow the economy:** The only way to do that is to focus on economic growth, not by enacting policies that will inhibit growth.

**Next steps:** The full legislature—Democrats and Republicans—should take the best ideas from both sides of the aisle and work with the administration to develop a budget that encourages investment in Connecticut. They should also look to the Connecticut Institute for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century which has proposed its own reforms in the areas of corrections, long-term healthcare, social services, state

**Please vote NO to these proposals.** Passing them will forever harm the businesses that support our economy and create a further mass exodus of people leaving the state. If we need to pay more than do it in a way that doesn't destroy OUR ability to make money.

Respectfully,  
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