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To: Sen. Fasano, Len
Cc: Frilling, Tara
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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

we are small business owners that currently have two specialty coffee stores open in connecticut with 22 employees and had plans to open eight more. In the last 4 months alone we have incurred approx. \$8 thousand dollars in increased unforeseen taxes. In January we were notified we had to pay \$2,300 because of the shortfall for unemployment insurance the state borrowed from the federal government and didn't pay back so we as small business owners had to pay for it. (Unlike Mass. or RI. or even NY.) than last month The city of Waterbury had a shortfall for property taxes so we again had to pony another \$5k tax increase to fix their problem. All this on top of what this state has piled on us in the last 4+yrs. When is enough enough? If you wanted to drive us out of business on purpose you couldn't a better job. I can assure you there will be no eight more stores in connecticut until this insanity stops. We will open in business friendly states only.

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