

**Maria Keiser owner of The Small Business Network (in Manchester CT ) a company that provides resources, support and education to small businesses across Connecticut. I am in favor of passing SB-400, An Act Eliminating the Business Entity Tax.**

**For the past 5 years I have been receiving and paying a yearly bill for \$250.00. I began thinking of all the different things \$250.00 can purchase for my company in Manchester CT.**

**1. \$250.00 can purchase a meal for my monthly gathering of business owners. This gathering brings together 50 business owners from around the state.**

**Where business owners can**

- 1. Build Relationships**
- 2. Build Business**
- 3. Socialize**
- 4. Make connections**
- 5. Find new employees**

**2. \$250.00 can fill my gas tank 5 times. With this gas**

- 1. I can visit clients**
- 2. Meet with Prospects**
- 3. Attend seminars and lectures**
- 4. Give Presentations**

**3. \$250.00 can purchase the stamps, special paper, and ink to send out 400 letters to grow my own business.**

**4. \$250.00 can purchase enough office supplies to last 9 months**

**I am a business owner, I have taken the risk of entrepreneurship and I am responsible for creating and building my own business. Every year the State of Connecticut asks me for \$250.00, and I am asking to keep it. I have shown you what I will do with \$250.00, what has the State been doing with my \$250.00 for the past 5 years.**

**Thank You,**

**Maria Keiser**

**The Small Business Network (Manchester, CT)**