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Retired teachers insurance funding

I am unable to attend due to medical issues with my family. With all do respect, I have been active in my financial obligations with regard to funding the teachers' retirement medical insurance and pension fund. I am presently paying my board of ed. insurance premiums \$5000.00 quarterly. This has become a major issue in our home finances. CT has no longer become a resident friendly state for a retiree or citizen. We are being taxed to death! I am presently contemplating moving to Florida where my pension will not be taxed by this state which once flourished and made me proud... My husband and I are presently discouraged with the Malloy administration and what is not being done with retired state workers with double dipping via reemployment and don't forget the new commissioners hired at outrageous salaries by Gov. Malloy. Yes and we will pay their retirement as well! !!!! I have many questions regarding the lack of funding in the educational arena, yet we are being held to outrageous mandates and educational jargon.

My question to Governor Malloy is: What are you going to do to make me and my family want to live and stay in the State of CT? I am tired of what you think is FAIR! It is nothing but a four letter word.... My family will move rather than stay in a state that puts and keeps "The good old boy moves continuously in place!" We would rather move than give this state one more penny in taxes because of misguided and half baked decisions. If you have the money to pay newly hired commissioners \$200,000 to \$300,000 plus and they will collect state benefits and a pension, then you need to take a hard long look at what you are doing to the teachers that have paid dearly and the citizens that have contributed and paid their way too. I am thoroughly disgusted with what I hear and see. Take a real close look at your hired state employees then you can come knocking on my door!

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A very proud retired teacher!