

# Bill 843 Additional Emailed Testimony

**From:** cartellino@aol.com [mailto:cartellino@aol.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:02 AM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** car property tax opinion

Dear Toni Boucher:

I would rather pay for the car property tax than experience a higher real estate tax on my home. (The latter is already inching up anyway.) The cars at least have some control factors. For instance buying second-hand rather than new brings a lower tax. It doesn't work that way with homes.

Sincerely yours,

Leigh Grant  
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**From:** Judy Higby [mailto:judyhigby@mac.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:31 AM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** Testimony

I really don't understand the logic behind cutting the annual car taxes. In a time when every individual, every community, and every state is deeply challenged by financial concerns and situations I don't understand why the Governor would recommend such a thing. Although I don't like paying a tax on each of our cars, it is something we already anticipate and have worked into our budget. Depriving each town of this revenue does not make any sense to me. The shortfall would simply have to be made up somewhere else like a probable property tax increase and that would undermine the already depressed housing market with ripple effects everywhere.

Please explain the thought process behind this.

Judy Higby

**From:** Frederik Engel [mailto:frederikengel@feblad.org]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:19 AM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** car tax

To whom it may concern,

I prefer for the State of Connecticut to stay out of the individual car property tax issue. That is just another scheme of Governor Malloy to grab more local tax money which he will then spend frivolously and let the towns raise local taxes again to pay for it. It's time the Governor realizes CT taxpayers have had enough of his give-away money

governing. It's time he was told to stop that and instead reduce government spending severely, across the board and fast.

Frederik Engel  
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**From:** Dana Phelan [mailto:[dcpnew@yahoo.com](mailto:dcpnew@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:58 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** testimony senate bill 843

This bill seems like absurd grandstanding to me. I own both a house and a car. It is far easier to change cars than to change houses. I'll manage. Just leave things as they are please, so my real estate property taxes don't have to go up too much. Stop tinkering to appear to be justifying your existence. This seems like Sound and Fury Signifying Nothing, to be quite honest.

Thank you,

Dana Phelan  
Bethel CT

**From:** Peter Marchese [mailto:[marchese@webtv.net](mailto:marchese@webtv.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2013 10:41 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** bill 842

Please consider my support for bill 842 being passed.  
Dolores Marchese  
Guilford, Ct.

**From:** ROBERT KALINOWSKI [mailto:[robert.kalinowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robert.kalinowski@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 11:40 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

Senate bill 843:

I am against this bill because:

It puts burdens on homeowners who worked all their live to have their home of their dreams. Renters are the the individuals who would benefit from this bill. They may own a Lexus or other expensive vehicle and should pay the same tax as all people. How about giving hose who worked all their lives a break

Robert Kalinowski  
Columbia, CT

**From:** johnbrodin@comcast.net [mailto:johnbrodin@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 2:00 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

Senate Bill 843 includes a credit for the first \$20000. of assessed value on motor vehicle tax on town property taxes. Why even consider this as every town will have to increase something else to make up the difference. I am opposed to this legislation..

John Brodin  
27 Maxwell Dr  
Vernon, CT 06066

From: Richard Theodore Pieczarka [mailto:richard430@ymail.com]  
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 3:57 PM  
To: FinanceRB  
Subject: Governor Malloy's Proposed Motor Vehicle Tax

Malloy wants to do what?!!!! This man is a lose cannon. He should have his head examined. It's bad enough he increased taxes and then used tax payer dollars to build a million dollar a mile bus route between New Britain and Hartford. When I lived in New Britain I took that bus several times. No one rides it!!!!!!!!!! Now he wants to increase my property tax!!!!!!!!!! I already pay an obscene amount in property taxes. This man should be run out of office. I am a registered Democrat and I still say this man should be run out of office, effective immediately!. Next election I'm voting straight Republican.

**From:** Tony Camilleri [mailto:tony.camilleri@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 4:00 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** "Testimony"

## Senate Bill 843,

Here is an idea.

If the town cannot tax the vehicle, then the town should get revenue from each person with a motor vehicle licenses.

The State can send each town a flat amount from the money the State DMV collects on the individual drivers licenses residing in the town.

This is fear since there are more drivers with a licenses than vehicles and there would be no depreciation in value, such as a car or truck.

Towns and Cities with more population will benefit the most.

Thank you,

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**From:** Jean Merz [mailto:jeanmerz@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 4:18 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

I think that it is unforgivable to "spring" this upon municipalities at this late date. Sounds like "politicking" by the Malloy administration to prevent a lot of taxpayers from getting that "rebate" of \$500, or is it now \$300, off income taxes.....more taxes for the governor! I am NOT in favor of this exemption. Jean Merz

**From:** Rita Gruener [mailto:rita.gruener@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 5:16 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I love Connecticut!

However, if my already very high property bill increases even more, I'll vote with my feet.

Why don't you simply look at states that are doing well and emulate them?

Sincerely,  
Rita Gruener

**From:** joan brod [mailto:jlbrod@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 5:29 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** property AND car taxes

We had a nice swimming pool that came with our house. The grandchildren and I enjoyed nice swims and pool parties. It became an expense we decided to for go so had it removed to lower our property taxes that keep going up and up. I am driving a seven year old car. Every year the car tax on this vehicle goes up and up and not down. Now they are dallying with that issue. I have to have an emissions check. Even seven year old cars that are maintained do not have emission problems. Malloy and Co. just keep on sticking it to Ct. residents. Most of my friends make sure they get out of this state for six months and a day and register their cars in Fla. We

have to make Malloy a one term gov. The best to you Kevin ( We met at Avon Day. I am friend of Flo Stahl.) Joan Brod

**From:** joan brod [mailto:jlbrod@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 6:47 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** property taxes

Please do not raise property taxes. People are leaving this state and moving to states like Florida. Make Dannel a one term gov. Enough is enough!!! Joan Brod

**From:** Catherine Macias [mailto:cathymacias@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 8:21 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** finance

I am definitely against eliminating the motor vehicle tax. It most certainly will be replaced by increased property taxes. Why remove a tax that spread out among everyone and put the burden on only those who own property and have already suffered so much loss in the real estate market?

Homeowners are reeling from the effects of the economic downturn, as is everyone, but shouldn't be expected to pay the brunt of more taxes.

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If our town taxes increase by any amount, it will cause a financial difficulty for us. It's already almost impossible for us to keep up. We now know from experience what we used to hear about a "fixed income." We can't afford to live in Connecticut, and we can't afford to leave it. Who anywhere is looking out for us?

Carolyn & Ralph Mattson  
Canton CT

**From:** daydayzee@aol.com [mailto:daydayzee@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2013 10:56 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** testimony

People who don't pay property tax will be getting away with not contributing to the town at all if they don't pay auto tax. They could unfairly own the biggest and most expensive cars and not support the town at all. Now since the governor doesn't own his pad in Hartford if he didn't pay auto tax he'd be free and clear of support to Hartford any wonder why he wants this.?

**From:** pjzjr@juno.com [mailto:pjzjr@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 8:11 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** deleting auto taxes

Dear Sir,

I am against deleting the property on auto taxes. It would mean that people who rent a condo or a house in Avon would not have to pay any auto tax and therefore, my property tax would have to increase to make up for that difference. I have neighbors who rent a home, they are from out of state but their cars are registered in CT. I'm sure you see my point.

Peter Zanini, Jr  
Avon, CT

**From:** susan roberts [mailto:onaroc1@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 9:07 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony Bill # 843

The feeling is that the Governor's intent is nothing more than a masquerade. We drive older vehicles to conservatively lower our personal property taxes. It is something we willingly do with the intent of preserving our assets so that we don't **ever** have to ask for anything from the St. of Conn.. Please tell me how this has helped us? We're to be left with our older vehicles and now increased property taxes. Is this the way government is suppose to work to benefit the taxpayers ?? The charade needs to end.

Susan Roberts  
Lyme, Ct.

**From:** johncynh@aol.com [mailto:johncynh@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 10:43 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Property Tax on Automobiles

Why eliminate it ? Towns will just make up the difference taxing our residences. This will be especially hard on seniors, who usually have older or less expensive automobiles. I certainly do not want to subsidize the "soccer moms " running around town in their expensive SUV's !! It just doesn't make sense to me .

John Hooker

Canton CT  
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**From:** George Gebrian [mailto:gdclsg@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 12:09 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY

*We cannot afford ANY more taxes. Vote Senate Bill 843, DOWN. What do we have to do to make you politicians realize that you have to cut down on your spending and start listening to your constituents?*

*Thank You,  
George Gebrian  
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**From:** Judith Ruhm [mailto:jruhm7141@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 2:12 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill #843

To all the Legislators,

The changes in taxing cars and the revenue then not coming to localities is wrong. It will drastically affect property taxes as local governments depend on car taxes for the communities' needs.

The question is WHY? Will then the state have a new source of revenue and predictably hike up taxes every year after? There has to be an opening for more state control here and we totally object to that.

Please, represent the families and the local governments and reject the proposal to remove car tax revenue from the local governments. Thank you.

Respectfully, David and Judy Ruhm

**From:** susan roberts [mailto:robinhill75@att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 4:37 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** finance

I am against the governor's plan to remove the property tax on cars. In fact, I am disgusted and sick of this administration and their handling of taxes, the economy, the constant large giveaways to corporations, the money that is being spent on the busway and more.

Again, the property tax on cars will only result in yet more taxes on the local level. CT is a nightmare state to live in! Can't wait until I can move out--3 more years!!! Yippeee!!

Susan Roberts

**From:** JUDY W NELSON [mailto:minotnodak@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 7:56 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Car Taxes

I am a little old widow lady who lives on a low fixed income. :- ) A cliché, but true !!! I can

afford town taxes on my old car, but fear the ensuring increase on my town real estate taxes !!  
Thank you.

**From:** JUDY W NELSON [mailto:minotnodak@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 8:18 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** car taxes

For me, the state taking off car taxes in towns will only increase my town property taxes which I cannot afford. What a shell game.

From: George W. Bond [mailto:gwbond007@cox.net]  
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2013 8:45 PM  
To: FinanceRB  
Subject: Testimony

There is a real need for local taxes on automobiles - automobiles put a financial burden on the local community.

George Bond  
Suffield, CT

**From:** Robert Connelly [mailto:rfcjr.7777@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 02, 2013 9:16 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

Bill 843 stay with car tax at least it depreciates. Where will the towns get the money that has already been spent? Increase property taxes and they never go down. Robert F. Connelly. Thank you

From: Jeff Yazmer [mailto:jyazmer@comcast.net]  
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2013 7:04 AM  
To: FinanceRB  
Subject: Car tax

Another scam by Malloy, get your head out of the sand! Towns stand to lose millions over this when only renters reap the benefit. So now the towns will supplement the loss by increasing property taxes. How could you even think this is the right thing to do! I look forward to the next election to remove you all from office.

Thank you  
Jeff Yazmer

**From:** nina dacat [mailto:ninadacat@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 03, 2013 9:14 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony Senate Bill 843 Property Tax Hike

Senator Art Linares,

I am completely against Governor Malloy's proposal to eliminate motor vehicle property taxes. Governor Malloy's plan would force cities and towns to make up for that loss in other ways, namely through increased property taxes. Higher property taxes would hurt middle-class and elderly residents and be passed on to renters and commercial tenants.

David Nelson  
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**From:** ARA100@aol.com [mailto:ARA100@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 03, 2013 1:08 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB; Sen. Witkos, Kevin; mglassman@simsbury-ct.gov  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY on Senate bill 843

Dear Sirs:

I am opposed to any changes that will force the local towns to have to raise property taxes. It is ludicrous to think that eliminating the auto tax will not cause the towns to raise other taxes to make up for the lose. This is a sneaky way to make it look like the Governor is not raising taxes. The other sneaky thing is lowering the limit points on Estate taxes to raise revenue. Maybe the Governor thinks nobody will notice. Cut waste and stop throwing money around Governor period.

Sincerely, Allan Ames (Simsbury)

**From:** Richard Mccall [mailto:rjbm038@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 03, 2013 2:53 PM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:**

Please be advised that we are AGAINST elimination of a property tax on vehicles. This would only raise the tax on our home. The only ones who would benefit would be those who choose to rent rather than buy a home.

Why don't we consider property tax on aircraft garaged/parked at airports in Connecticut.

We should also have boat owners within our state paying property tax. They used to.

Richard & Maureen McCall  
Avon, Ct.

**From:** Lisa Mooney [mailto:[lisamooney6313@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisamooney6313@sbcglobal.net)]

**Sent:** Sunday, March 03, 2013 10:23 PM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** Re: testimony

Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Lisa Mooney. I live in Ridgefield, CT where the property taxes are high. As part of the middle class I urge you not to raise property taxes. The property taxes are high enough as it is in Connecticut. There are many people in the state living on a fixed income that include senior citizens, single people, and the unemployed.

I believe we should keep the current property taxes on cars because the towns need this vital revenue to offset town costs. In order to be more competitive and bring more business/goods to Connecticut I think the gas tax should be lowered. There are many people moving down south because the cost of living is so high in Connecticut. I have lived in Connecticut my whole life and it is a great place to live. However, we need to keep it that way by making the state more affordable and attractive to everyone. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely, Ms. Lisa Mooney

**From:** S. Edward Jeter [mailto:[sejeter@yahoo.com](mailto:sejeter@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 12:27 AM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** Testimony - Senate Bill 843

Dear Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I believe that SB 843 perhaps has not been well thought out. I am not sure who the elimination of taxes on vehicles will benefit. The problem is that the taxes the towns and cities now raise from vehicle property taxes will need to be raised through higher property taxes. This will hit everybody from higher costs for their housing. Fixed income seniors especially who may not even own a car will need to come up with more, as will the poor in cities who don't own cars but will have to pay more rent to cover the increased tax load. Thus this in effect shifts the costs from those who can afford cars to those to all people including those who can't afford cars or due to other circumstances do not own a car.

Commercial properties will experience greater occupancy costs due to property tax increases, which again will have to be passed on to their customers thru higher costs for all products including food, basic necessities and services.

The bottom line is that this shifting of tax will only end up as an unfair burden on everyone and especially on the poor, the middle class and many seniors. It does not make any sense.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

S. Edward Jeter, resident of Avon, CT

**From:** Riccio, Thomas, VBAHART [mailto:thomas.riccio@va.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 7:12 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Testimony

Good day,

Connecticut's spending spree needs to end immediately. I ask the legislature to please take this opportunity to fix our state finances by cutting spending and not raising taxes any further. End the taxpayer provided subsidies to in state businesses (moving in state) and kill the busway project as ways to balance our budget. End all government overtime. Enforce current laws and guidelines for entitlement benefits and prosecute those who abuse them. Means test for all government entitlement programs.

Connecticut needs to become business friendly again. One of the greatest expenses for business to open in CT is the cost of energy due to our winters. Why not fund solar panels to all businesses through Federal and State grants in order to help defer the cost of energy for a business? A much better use of taxpayer dollars to anchor manufacturing jobs in CT versus money spent building and maintaining a busway no one will ever use.

My two cents.

Tom Riccio  
Clinton CT 860-666-7369

**From:** Smith, Janet [mailto:Janet.Smith@ct.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 7:44 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** car taxes

I cannot afford higher property taxes. I am a widow and on a very tight budget. I do work but I have a mortgage to pay and since my taxes are included in my mortgage, Governor Malloy's proposal would change my payment. I have no problem with a car tax. It appears the governor is giving us a gift by getting rid of car taxes but in reality we are still paying them in the long run. Please leave things as they are. Getting rid of my car taxes serves NO purpose. Thank you.

*Jan Smith*  
*Hartland CT*

-----Original Message-----

From: Pamela Scheibelein [mailto:pamslog@icloud.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 8:38 AM

To: FinanceRB  
Subject: Testimony

Your decision to remove the car tax will force my local town to increase my real estate tax. Once again you have not thought a decision through. Please stop this bill.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** scott.miller@mhfct.com [mailto:scott.miller@mhfct.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 9:44 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** Car Tax issue

Dear Finance Members,

Are you insane?

Regards,  
Scott Miller  
Suffield, CT

**From:** Marion Grey [mailto:covegrey@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** FinanceRB  
**Subject:** sb843

I AM OPPOSED TO THE DELETION OF THE CAR TAX!

MARION GREY N EAST HADDDAM,CT.

Good morning,

I am writing to you today about the proposed elimination to the motor vehicle property tax. While researching this issue on the OLR website page, I noticed that there was limited information and research on this issue. It would be helpful to know figures on how each individual household will be affected. Could a table be created to show how it would affect families of different sizes? For example, I would like to see data of a family of 5 who owns a 400 thousand dollar home and 4 cars. How much would they be paying under the current system? Would they save money or owe more taxes under the proposed changes?

In contrast to what the governor claims that these changes would benefit the working class, I believe that they would be a detriment to the working and middle class families. Instead, the more affluent families would potentially see tax savings.

Additionally, this proposal could possibly affect the tax benefits enjoyed by well deserved seniors and veterans.

Thank you,

Jason Blakesley

Resident of Coventry

**From:** Baginski, Jerzy (George) [mailto:jerzy.baginski@timken.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2013 11:29 AM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:**

Keep car tax

George

**From:** Heidi Moore [mailto:jadwig@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 12:19 PM

**To:** FinanceRB

**Subject:** Testamony

However, I am writing to protest the passage of Senate Bill 843. I live in Canton and towns in our region stand to lose millions of dollars in tax revenue under the governor's proposal to eliminate motor vehicle property taxes. The plan would force cities and towns to make up for that loss in other ways, namely through increased property taxes. Higher property taxes would hurt middle-class and elderly residents and be passed on to renters and commercial tenants.

Many would be financially hurt by passage of this bill.

Thank you and I do hope this effort is successful.

Jadwiga Moore