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To: The CT Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Re: Governor Malloy's Proposed Elimination of Town Motor Vehicle Taxes

Dear members of the above committee,

I am concerned about the governor's proposed plan to eliminate town motor vehicle tax revenues. Logic dictates that should the towns lose this source of operating revenue then they would have to make up for that loss in other areas.

My questions and concerns are:

- Can you explain why the governor's proposal would be a benefit to the citizens of Connecticut?
- Would the State then institute its own Motor Vehicle Tax on all residents?
- Would the towns need to raise the mill rates on property taxes for lost revenue resulting in residents paying more taxes to the state and towns combined?
- Why is this proposal in motion in the first place?

As State Senator Art Linares pointed out:

- 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.

Thank you for taking the time to digest the concerns of citizens such as myself.

Sincerely,

Steven Avakian