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As Chair of Colchester's Commission on Aging, I have often lead discussions about the impacts of ever increasing property taxes on our seniors. It flies in the face of our goal to keep seniors in their homes as the most appropriate long term care solution. Yet we continue to see unfunded state mandates being passed down to local communities, with the recent DEEP mandate coming to mind. However, it is most often seen in our school budgets.

It is time to put an end to these unfunded mandates that continue to drive our seniors away from Connecticut as it becomes unaffordable for those of us on fixed incomes.

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