

To All Legislators of the State of Connecticut:

And so it continues unabated; Connecticut's never ending tax and spend government. Our state has practiced this classic form of 'the law of diminishing return's' for decades...and we have all been paying a huge price for it... both in dollars and quality of life.

The more we've been taxed, the more our citizens and businesses have fled our state; thus reducing available tax revenues. This, while never skipping an opportunity to pile on new laws and government services. So, our legislature's answer continues to be to simply raise taxes on the remaining citizens and employers and continue business as usual at the Capital. This, of course, has led to an acceleration of businesses leaving the state and our young people following them. Our Governor's solution to this problem? ...coax businesses to stay, by dangling millions of taxpayers dollars (in incentives) in front of them for a commitment to stay put for a few years... foolish beyond words!

Then there's the problem of retirees, like me, moving out in droves. Those with the means to take their tax dollars elsewhere are doing just that. With both ends of the age range leaving, we are asking the ever growing middle aged group (with average means) to fill the revenue gap. Many of these residence have no choice but to stay until retirement...and possibly beyond. It's a well known fact that the average baby boomer has been unable to save enough for retirement. For those who stay, the looming question for you becomes; will most remain taxpayers or be in need of state assistance in their Golden years?

It's long past time for you to rein in spending and focus on managing our depleting revenues much more skillfully; by promoting taxing and spending policies which kick-start the rebuilding process. You must stop trying to meet all the demands of our citizens: no matter how lofty and worthy many of them seem. It's time you turned their attention to attracting high quality businesses and educated young people to our state, and pump new life into its future.

It almost seems to late to stop the plunging downward spiral thats been created. But you and the Governor must try! You are hired by the voters to make hard decisions; not just one's that make some citizens happy at taxpayer expense. It's time for you to bite the bullet and look hard and fast at programs that must be pared back or ended; and limiting the creation of new programs we cannot afford. You must seek savings through better management in existing programs and services that meet important needs; shut down programs which are ineffective; and accept the political risks that the right decisions come with making.

If you truly wants to turn a bleak future around, this body needs to commit now to doing it. If not, me and my wife are ready to pack up and move our lives and tax dollars to another state. Half of our family already has, by necessity, not by choice.

This would be an especially sad day for me since my forefathers (interned in the ancient burial grounds on Main Street) migrated to Hartford from Massachusetts in the 1600's to help found and build the city and, by extension, this state. But frankly, enough is enough.

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