

Dear Finance Committee Members;

We are 2 retired persons writing to let you know that we support the Bill that would increase threshold expansion for SSA benefits. The 60 k for single and 70k for joint filer expansion limit increase would help Seniors. Our yearly income adjustments for SSA benefits are very modest each year, while our annual local property tax increase is greater than our SSA cost of living adjustment income.

This is dramatically impacting senior family budget decisions/projections to continue to reside in CT. As a matter of fact there are only a hand full of states that Tax SSA income and Ct is one of them.

I would like to suggest that The Finance Committee consider expanding the threshold to 100 percent of SSA and Pension benefits.

If policy makers want to maintain a healthy ratio of youth and seniors as part of the mix of our statewide population----the increase of exempting SSA and pensions would aid seniors -resulting in a lower degree of senior out migration. OPM may be able to shed some light on Senior out migration statistics and projections.

Your support and consideration of expansion of SSA and Pension thresholds to eliminate State Income taxation is appreciated.

Sincerely,
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