

Dear Sirs:

I am in wholehearted agreement with the thoughts expressed in the email below. I moved to this state 23 years ago in the belief that it was a fiscally-responsible state which embodied the best of a New England heritage of thrift, education and hard work. I was proud to live here.

Recently I have learned that we are one of the least fiscally responsible states in the union with gross underfunding of public union pensions and health care and no plan to address the escalating costs of these programs. It is no surprise that a trip on our highways shows bridges across the state rusting for lack of paint.

We are spending our children's money to pay for public workers today while we let the infrastructure our parents built for us rust away. We are at risk of being dubbed the Least Great Generation.

We need new ideas and a large dose of political courage... or we need new leadership.

Sincerely,  
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Subject: March 9 Public hearing on Governor's proposed tax increases

Dear Sirs,

I did not attend the March 9th public hearing on Governor's recent tax proposals. And, for that reason, I would like to share my thoughts.

I am strongly against raising tax rates. These are the easiest "fixes" to budget problems but they increasingly make Connecticut a non-competitive state.

The greatest thing we can do is to get Connecticut to grow and you hinder growth when you make businesses not want to locate in Connecticut. We need to become business friendly and tax rate increases are the antithesis of this.

For individuals, one third of tax income comes from Fairfield County. More tax increases will, increasingly, cause people to consider Westchester County.

If we want a long term "solve" to Connecticut's budget issues, we need to address our expense structure and unfunded liabilities. The latter puts Connecticut in the bottom 5 of the 50 states. This will continue to impact our future financial viability. Why will businesses or individuals want to locate here when they see the size of these unfunded liabilities which will curtail other state required spending?

Sincerely, Nancy Cooper

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