

Dear CT Legislators,

I am writing this email as a concerned citizen.

My name is Gary Toubman, and I am a dentist who lives and works in Newington.

I have been a solo, private practicing dentist for almost 35 years.

I want to let you know that I am suffocating under the burden of CT taxes, license dues, and payroll taxes.

I work between 60 and 70 hours each week, and I am making much less than I did 5-10 years ago. My costs are skyrocketing, and I have not raised my fees in several years. Overhead in a solo dental practice when I first started was 50%, and it is climbing closer to 70% of my gross collections. I have many very talented colleagues who are leaving the profession and moving out of state.

I am the pre-dental advisor at Trinity College, and I mentor students from the University of CT School of Dental Medicine.

It is getting very hard for me to convince young professionals to stay and practice in Connecticut. The job market is poor, many businesses continue to downsize (in spite of what the media reports), and my State Income taxes, the property taxes, and all of the fees (did you know that my fee for having x-ray machines quadrupled) are oppressive.

Please feel free to contact me personally at 860-667-2600 (W) or 860-989-4020.

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