

Increasing taxes and decreasing benefits will always be the mode as long as we operate with a growing, unbalanced budget. We cannot attract/grow business with this attitude; why would you start or move a business to this State? The true revenue sources for the State are businesses doing what they do best; they pay taxes and provide jobs for taxpayers. The perception is that the public sector is being maintained at the expense of the private. It has become a great political strategy in order to insure elected positions, but it comes at the expense of those who must provide the funds. Fiscal incompetency and suppression of sound management decisions due to political self-serving influences is transforming us into second tier status. Increasing taxes is the easy way out of our problems. It is another short term solution; but they always become permanent. Promises to improve our situation never come to fruition to the detriment of the next generations. We push current problems into the future.

Staying in Connecticut, as a recently retired business executive, is becoming increasingly difficult to justify. We, as a State, have lost our impetus to be the best. Both political parties need to get better!

I strongly oppose the Governor's tax proposals.

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