

Dear All,

While I am a believer in sound infrastructure, I am not a believer in yet another tax given the burden we bear already. Between income taxes, gas taxes, etc. the CT government is driving people out of the State. You should be focused on the expense side of the equation, not more tax revenues in the short term which only will lead to declining revenues over the longer term once people leave. If you do not focus on cutting expenses, and stop shuffling money around in an illusory manner, you will be left with not only all the fixed costs but the people who pay the smallest amount of taxes because the rest of us will leave in due time. Take a look at Detroit. Anyone who could have left to greener pastures indeed moved on leaving the unfortunate behind, saddled with financial problems.

Please find a fiscally well managed state and take a page out of their playbook please. No more shell games. No more taxes. Even common magazines such as Kiplinger's rank CT as the second most unfriendly tax state in the country <http://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/taxes/T054-S001-10-least-tax-friendly-states-in-the-u-s/index.html>

This downward spiraling path must be reversed now please. Tax payers are paying you to manage the State in a fiscally sound manner just like a well-managed corporation would be handled. CT must be the State looked to as a role model for financial prudence, not fiscal irresponsibility.

Warmest Regards,

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