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**Testimony of Sen. Rob Kane**  
**Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee**  
**February 26, 2016**

H.B. No. 5062 (Raised) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. (FIN)

Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger, Senator Frantz, Representative Davis, and members of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I'm Senator Rob Kane of the 32<sup>nd</sup> District and I write to you today in support of this proposal.

My district is home to a large population of seniors and here at the State Capitol, I try as best I can to be their voice. The seniors in our great state have worked hard their whole lives paying taxes and earning their Social Security benefits and currently our state double taxes them once they begin to collect. For most, Social Security is the only income a senior has after retirement and we shouldn't be making it any harder on them by taking more of it away. Connecticut is currently losing seniors to competing states that don't tax social security benefits. We should be doing everything that we can to keep our seniors here and living well and this bill is a good start.

Attached are the submitted testimonies from citizens across Connecticut who share my sentiment on this tax. It is for these reasons and more that I ask that you consider and support this proposal.

Sincerely,

Senator Rob Kane  
32<sup>nd</sup> District

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### Testimony

We all need to move out of CT!

State Income Tax: 3% (on income up to \$10,000/individual, \$20,000/joint) to 6.7% (on income above \$500,000/individual, \$1,000,000/joint)

State Sales Tax: 6.35% for most items; 7.8% for certain luxury items

Estate Tax/Inheritance Tax: Yes/No

The Constitution State is a tax nightmare for many retirees. Its real estate taxes are the fourth-highest in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation. Most types of retirement income are taxed, along with a portion of Social Security benefits for taxpayers above certain income thresholds.

Social Security is exempt for individual taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income of less than \$50,000 and for married taxpayers filing jointly with federal AGI below \$60,000. Retirement plans, private pensions, and out-of-state government and federal civil-service pensions are fully taxed. All federally taxable military income is exempt.

There are no local sales taxes in Connecticut, so you'll pay only the statewide rate of 6.35% on your purchases. As of July 1, clothing and shoes under \$50 are no longer exempt from the state sales tax. Luxury items, such as jewelry worth more than \$5,000, are taxed at 7.8%, which means a \$6,000 diamond ring would cost you \$6,468.

Median property tax on the state's median home value of \$267,000 is \$5,280.

Connecticut imposes a tax on estates valued at \$2 million or more, at a progressive rate starting at 7.2%. The rate rises to a maximum of 12% for an estate valued above \$10.1 million. Connecticut is the only state with a gift tax, which applies to real and tangible personal property in Connecticut and intangible personal property anywhere for permanent residents.

Read more at <http://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/retirement/T055-S001-top-15-least-tax-friendly-states-for-retirees/index.html#UYvqcV2yQAQBFxg.99>

Who at the state government thinks this ok ?

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I have paid into the Social Security system since I started working in the 1960's straight thru to 2013. Now that I am retired I rely on that money to live on.  
Please repeal the tax on Social Security payments.

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### Testimony

As a retired person I find that the CT taxes are a huge penalty, making it tougher to stay above water. Medical costs are growing much faster than any IRA growth. CT is one of the most expensive most taxed states, if it were not for the fact that my kids and grand kids are in CT, we would have moved some time ago. CT is a great place to live, other than the costs, please ease the retired folks burden a bit.  
Regards, Jere Brophy

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### Testimony

Get rid of social security tax!!!

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### Testimony

I am in favor for eliminating double tax on social security benefits. It is now time to take responsibility in eliminating unnecessary taxes that cripple the working class of Connecticut and the USA!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I request that you eliminate the personal income tax on social security.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Im 63 years old on ss and a small army pension and a pension from my factory job and I have to pay 2000. Dollars state income tax every year they finally eliminated the tax on my army pension which helps a little but 2000 dollars is too much to take from fixed income and is why people are moving to states that dont tax folks on fixed incomes. Time to eliminate the tax in ct!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Social Security is already forcibly removed from my paycheck without my consent, and then I have to PAY to get it back?

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### Testimony

Have worked for 35 years, non stopped. Have already paid taxes for so long. No reason that I should now pay taxes on social security again. Please take away that tax.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Tired of living in a state that taxes everything at a much higher rate than the rest of the nation.

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### Testimony

CT is losing seniors to competing states that do not tax social security so it is in CT's best interest to eliminate this tax and retain their seniors. We have other income such as pensions, 401k, etc that are opportunities for revenue for CT. This tax represents in effect a tax on a tax in that we paid into the payroll tax all our lives and now pay a tax on the payout of those funds.

I am looking at moving to Delaware where these funds are not taxed.

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### Testimony

Dear Connecticut State Representatives and Senators,  
I would like to see the personal income tax on social security benefits eliminated because I have already paid this as a tax once on my wages earned in Connecticut to the Federal Government. A second time on my Income Taxes paid to Connecticut and the Federal Government. This is double taxation on social security payments initially paid. I am retired and it is getting increasing hard to live in Connecticut due to stagnant social security payments to my wife and I, as well as the high rate of income taxation and by the reduction of the home real estate tax credit. Many people and corporations are leaving this state due to the high taxes and the lack of job opportunities. We may be forced to join this exit us if taxes keep increasing!  
Arthur and Kathy McNally 56 Orchard Avenue, Woodbury, Ct. 06798

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### Testimony

I believe that taxing Social Security income is a double taxation since individuals paid Social Security based on their income which was also taxed by the State of Connecticut. The tax creates an additional hardship on individuals who are struggling to live on their limited income and are expected to pay an additional income tax for out of control spending by the State.

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### Testimony

In general, considering the increased and additional new taxes levied by "Obamacare", the elimination of any tax burden would provide some financial relief to the average working American. In the recent past, i.e., post WWII, statistics have shown that as the tax burden decreases, discretionary spending increases. This increased spending stimulates economic growth and helps reduce unemployment. Specifically, the concept behind Social Security was to provide some income for individuals when they retire. The Personal Tax on Social Security benefits runs counter to this concept and, in fact, penalizes the retiree. Retirement is the time when the retiree most needs the income. Within the past few years various newspapers and journals have reported that the number of workers who can retire at age 66 has been reduced because of inflation and an increased tax burden. The number of those unable to retire runs between 25% and 40%. Relieving the Personal Income Tax on SS will perhaps reduce that percentage or it will definitely provide for greater retiree income, easing some of the oppressive tax burden we Americans undergo.

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### Testimony

We are SICK of the taxes in Ct. It's driving out industry in our state... Remember GE !!! ???

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### Testimony

No taxes at all, if I had my way.  
But certainly not on Social Security.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Retirement is tough enough and we have paid our fair share. Between local state and federal taxes there's not much left.

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### Testimony

Social security may be the only income retirees have. It should not be taxed.

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### Testimony

I don't understand why all SSA retirement benefits are taxed. We paid tax to contribute and now when we collect money we have in our accounts, it's taxed again. Give me a break.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I support the proposal to eliminate personal taxes on social security benefits. Connecticut is becoming a more and more undesirable place to live due to our high taxes. I will be collecting social security within the next couple of years and it will be a huge help if my benefit is not taxable. Connecticut's retirees have paid high sales, income and property taxes throughout their lives. Let's join other "retiree-friendly" states and eliminate this extra burden.

Thank you,  
Sharon Lynch

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I'll be 73 soon - and still can't retire in Connecticut. Took a ride north to Stockbridge yesterday and really appreciated Connecticut's countryside. PLEASE don't tax me out of this state!

Thank you!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Many surveys portray Connecticut as one of the worst in the country to retire in. This tax has to be at the top of the list to lend credibility to that claim.

Federal increases to Social Security have been minimal over the last several years and many of us are living on the fringes of financial ruin. The high cost of living here coupled with prescription drug prices cause us to live in constant anguish over whether to cut food, heat, or medicine in order to survive. It is a sad testament to those who over the years worked hard to build this state only to have their only means of survival be taxed and further reduce their meager existence.

I ask you to eliminate the tax on Social Security income.

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### Testimony

I am hurting as it is with no raise but cost of eating skyrocketing. We can use all the relief we are truly due.  
Joan Vaughan

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### Testimony

Hello,

I am in support of this bill to eliminate income tax on Social Security.

I am a retired senior on a fixed income.

I read this morning, in a Kiplinger's publication, that inflation is expected to be 2.4% in 2016. Food prices alone went up in 1.5% in 2015 with an increase of 1.8% expected this year.

The numbers above are national. In Connecticut, we expect things to be even worse, especially because of all the new taxes and constant major tax increases. We even have a new sales tax on such mundane things as a car wash!!!!.

However my social security did not have a Cost of Living increase this year. This is because the price of energy came down considerably and made the Cost of Living increase percentage look low. But as a retired senior, gasoline is a small part of my budget and so the savings is not significant. But many other expenses that affect seniors DID go up last year and are expected to do so again this year.

Seniors would be helped tremendously by eliminating the income tax on this necessary benefit. It might even help to reduce the tide of retired and about-to-be-retired folks to other states.

Lastly - consider what President Reagan did: he cut taxes, which had a net positive effect on the economy and thus on the tax revenue to Federal Government. On the other hand, do you want to keep doing what you've done in the past? Gee, raising taxes hasn't solved the budget problems, so lets raise them some more. Makes no sense. Don't keep making the same mistakes over and over again.

So, CUT THE TAX.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Ray Lecours

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### Testimony

just too much taxation. S.S. & pensions a second time around.

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### Testimony

State income taxes were paid on most of the payroll deductions that went into the Social Security "Fund". This tax is a form of double taxation and therefore is improper and excessive. The State of Connecticut should not have the right to collect it.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I shouldn't have to give testimony  
I want the tax eliminated

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I would like to see the personal income tax on social security income repealed.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Many individuals rely on social security as the main source of income in retirement as the recession in 2008 took a toll. Taxing social security further reduces the income, and challenges even the best of budgets as health care costs rise, insurance premiums that consistently increase.

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**Testimony**

This tax should be removed. It is an additional burden on those people with a fixed income.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

We seniors depend on SS to pay bills and eat. Every penny counts.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

It does not make any sense to tax Social Security benefits. It seems to be a sneaky way to lower the benefit. My husband and I both support changing this. Thank you

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Seniors are leaving this state in droves to the South where they will save about a thousand dollars EVERY MONTH in taxes. This would be the beginning of trying to stop the mass exodus from CT.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I am strongly against the State of CT taxing my Social Security!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I am in favor of eliminating the income tax. When instituted in the 90's it was supposed to be temporary. Many middle income families are struggling with all the other additional taxes in this state, one of highest gas taxes, one of highest sales tax, car wash tax, nail taxes and on and on. Eliminating income tax will encourage more families to move into the state.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

First you get the money, then you give the money back. It is like the children's dance where you stick your left foot out and then put your left foot back. Like in the children's dance, we are being "shaken all about."

While I do not collect social security yet, I am over 65 and receive Medicare. Last year I had extra income which put our family income just slightly above the threshold for a premium increase. I was financially better off than most. It was a one time thing because of a retirement golden handshake. My premiums almost doubled. I called. I cannot get the premium reduced until I get all of my tax statements and file this year's tax forms. Then MAYBE I will get a refund. Meanwhile, I have to pay \$183.20 per month instead of the old rate of \$314.70 every three months. My sister has adopted children from Ethiopia. Because of the large family, she cannot afford medical insurance and has to pay doctors on a time by time basis. She gets fined for not having insurance.

My good friend is a family doctor trying to stay in practice. Last month he learned that he has to pay \$1300 more in unemployment insurance. Surprise!

You asked! There are many things that need fixing and we are building busways to nowhere. We are threatening to shortchange hospitals, education, and needed mental services. At the same time we are have \$10 million cost overruns on the new baseball field in Hartford. I love baseball, but it is a lower life priority than adequate medical care. State funding should not have gone into this project.

This is vent time! I applaud the budget work you are doing. Keep up the hope as I am doing, but the incompetence from the Motor Vehicle Department to the year after year state budget deficits are discouraging. We are seeing the result of this in the national elections where we are presented with a socialist from one party and extremist or religious intolerants from the other. When do we get a moderate with common sense, energy, knowledge of history, and the mathematical knowledge to budget? (By the way, when are you running for Congress?)  
Thanks for asking.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Please eliminate the tax on Social Security.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

We are taxed to death! I paid taxes all my life and will be paying them until I die! It's not right that the measly amount we receive from Social Security is taxed! I don't see title 19 welfare being taxed like social security! We earned our social security and the government needs to keep their greedy , sticky fingers out of it!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

If this horribly overtaxed state such as it isSS received no COLA again the least you crooks could do is give us a break with this stupid tax on income that already is hardly enough to live on

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I'm in full support of eliminating the tax on Social Security, which I am not collecting. Being tax friendly to Seniors is one method to help keep them from leaving the State. Southern States are being tax friendly to Seniors to entice them to relocate, so why not Connecticut. Consider which is better to have in CT, young working adults who make less & pay less taxes or older working Seniors with higher paying jobs/professions & retirees who have investments, 401K's, IRA's, etc, which produce a higher rate of tax revenue? Also consider why so many have left Connecticut, is it because of Tax's? Think about it.  
I retired last June & unless something changes in this State, I'll be following leaving as well!

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### Testimony

SS already had been taxed. Let the benefit be tax-free when seniors finally receive it.

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### Testimony

Taxes have already been paid on SS. This is double taxation and should be eliminated

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### Testimony

I have recently retired at 70 years old and would like to stay in this state which is beautiful and I love, however we are being taxed on this income while being deprived of the value of our lifetime savings. As we all know the taxes in this state are near the top nationally and this just adds to the overall burden.....Connecticut needs to be business friendly AND retirement friendly as well.....

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### Testimony

Get rid of this tax which causes my family to live month to month sparingly.

**Davis, Nolan**

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**Testimony**

We need help. please eliminate this tax.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

This tax is burdensome on us. Get rid of it.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I am taxed to death! As fast as I try to get caught up, between penalties and interest, every month I owe more rather than less, even paying \$500.00 every month! Can't afford more, but it isn't enough! HELP!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

In the 4th quarter of 2015 Connecticut was rated the most expensive state to die. Connecticut is also one of the most expensive places to live. Exactly what is the incentive to live and retire in CT? Only 13 states currently tax social security payments so I'm not surprised Connecticut is in that list. Connecticut public servants have proven time and time again they cannot serve anyone but themselves and their cronies. They are unable to balance a checkbook, can't provide basic services at a fair cost, throw money down big government pork programs and giant welfare holes, and show no regard for other people's money. If it can be taxed, Connecticut will find a way to do it. I will absolutely leave CT rather than pay a dime in SS taxes. Born, raised and worked here all my life, frankly I regret staying here this long. I encourage all my children, family and friends to leave CT. There is no future here for honest hard working middle class people.

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### Testimony

It would be a great help to all those trying to make ends meet. Especially senior citizens.

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### Testimony

Eliminating personal income tax on social security benefits would be a huge help for seniors in this state. Most of us are no longer working and find with the rising cost of living it's difficult to make ends meet.

Please eliminate this tax.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Senior citizens are a disadvantaged group who need all the help they can get at a time in their lives when they typically run out of options in a financially distressed and distressing world. I support two things:

1. Eliminate the tax on Social Security Benefits.
2. Defer taxation of IRA savings while a person is alive; tax the distributions after death.

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### Testimony

According to a Kiplinger report, the 13 states that tax Social Security are Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia.

<https://login.yahoo.com/?src=ym&.intl=us&.lang=en-US&.done=https%3a//mail.yahoo.com>

That leaves 37 other states to choose from in order to stretch a retirement income. What's the incentive to stay?

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### Testimony

It is tough making ends meet with Social Security and we already paid taxes on OUR( employers and mine) money (it's not Entitlement).

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### Testimony

Income tax on socialsecurity should be removed

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

It is so unfair to be taxed on money we paid into social security.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I have lived in Watertown all my life. But I would never recommend you stay here and live your retirement years here. The TAXES that rob the poor to FEED the rich in this state are disgusting. I stayed and constantly suffer under the TAX you too DEATH STATE. When I can't afford items I need I don't buy them. This STATE Government has to do more. STOP OVER TAXING

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### Testimony

I like this bill.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

My wife and I are in our 50's and have started looking for real estate in New Hampshire to prepare for our retirement. We need to find a state that will not tax our social security income and remain close to our grandchildren who live in Connecticut. Once again, our state will be losing part of a demographic that it needs to retain in order to establish fiscal stability- the middle class retiree. We cannot continue as a state to watch our young and old leave for better jobs and for better retirement benefits. We moved here in 1990 just in time for the "temporary" personal income tax and now we will leave due to the social security income tax. I used to make light of "Taxachusetts" growing up in nearby NY State and envied Connecticut's strong economic fortunes. Now, sadly, I envy Massachusetts and lament over Connecticut's over burdensome taxes that are driving productive youth, elderly and businesses away in droves. We have the wherewithal to do better!

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### Testimony

How many times do seniors need to be taxed on their hard earned money? Enough! We are not asking for a hand out .....we are asking for what is already outs.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

not needed give it back

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Get rid of this tax. Americans who have worked for their communities all their life have earned their social security.

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### Testimony

My husband and I are having a harder time each year with the taxes in this state and stretching the dollar I think all politicians need to get down to brass tacks on how they spend money and make this the country we know we can be. Things are going backward each year on the care and handling of all things in our wonderful America.

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### Testimony

This tax is a hardship on retired people struggling to pay for medical insurance . It is not right to have to pay \$1,000's a month in medical costs while still taxing a limited income source. When you make \$200,000 a year, you don't notice the tax. When you make \$60,000 a year, you sure do notice. Ron, please work to change this. Thank you.

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### Testimony

My wife and I are struggling to make the mortgage and monthly bills on a fixed income with the increase in state and federal taxes and inflation and the cost of living we may soon loose our home

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I am writing to say income tax on SS payments should be eliminated. As it is these payments (which let us not forget each of us has earned and then some with decades of withholding) are no where near enough for people to live on especially in CT. I am writing with pure motives as I am still working at age 72 and don't rely entirely on my SS check. But others do. This is a really punitive tax. Between the cost of medications and insurance our old people are already living in penury. Lets make it a tiny bit better by eliminating any income tax not his money.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

We Senior Citizens of Connecticut have suffered enough,We have paid our dues in both Federal,State and Social Security I am 73 yrs old and have worked 46 years in a factory while paying into the Social Security System.What we receive is our money no one is giving us anything,it isn't a gift.If the system has misused that money why should we be penalized for their incompetence?  
No Senior Citizen in our state should be taxed on our EARNED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

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### Testimony

At this time Connecticut stands at the bottom of the list of desirable states in which to retire and not the least reason is the totally irresponsible conduct of the political party in power which drafts budgets behind closed doors and is incapable of demonstrating any sense of fiscal control or responsibility. Those of us who must depend on Social Security benefits have had more than enough of the endless search for yet another source against which a tax may be levied to solve the problems which have been caused by this fiscally irresponsible and atrocious conduct.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

I would like the personal income tax on social security benefits eliminated. This would be a big help for senior who are on a fixed income.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Dear Senator Kane,

I am in favor of eliminating the personal income tax on Social Security benefits. Taxes in the state of CT are some of the highest in the nation. We are losing Seniors at rapid rates to states that offer lower taxes and incentives as citizens grow older. As their grown children live with them longer than they did in years past, quite often the working age children are moving with their senior parents. Our state needs working people. Our state needs children for our schools. Our state need to keep the retirement money that people spend as they age within the state of Connecticut. Let the people keep their money and spend it here to grow our economy, rather than the economy of other states.

Sincerely,  
Deirdre Daly

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### Testimony

Given Connecticut's extremely onerous overall tax rate applied to its [tax paying] citizens anyway, many retirees leave Connecticut to avoid being taxed on their limited income just before or after retiring.

Connecticut needs to completely eliminate its income tax on Social Security benefits to individual recipients with adjusted gross incomes less than \$75,000 per year to better enable such retirees who prefer to remain in Connecticut - do so.

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

Eliminate personal income tax on social security benefits.

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### Testimony

I am in support of this bill; as a father and grand -father (retired and still working) it is pathetically wrong to be taxing folks who have worked hard all their lives to raise and provide for their families and now are forced to pay additional taxes on ss benefits. When in far national will it stop. At a time when I should be enjoying myself I am constantly worried about new taxes which may be imposed in the future. Enough is enough, I urge you to eliminate this tax and work to control frivolous spending which is out of control!

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

As a tax payer who is on Social Security Disability, I support this bill because my income was taxed when it was earned once already. I have already gone through all of my little retirement money that I had and now find it very difficult get by on what I receive from SS now and to have it taxed again is ludicrous.

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### Testimony

I am currently 60-years and preparing for retirement. Most likely I will wait till my full social security age (66&1/2) before I retire. Although I love Connecticut, I will forced to retire in another state due to the incredibly high taxes in this state (property/income/sales). I think this state will be seeing a mass migration of baby-boomers like myself to other states because of the high cost of living here. I think this mass migration will have a negative impact on the state and hope that state government will finally work to reduce taxes in this state for all of its residents. (Not just retirees!)

## Davis, Nolan

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### Testimony

The money that we paid into the social security system for years could have been personally invested in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. and hopefully increased in value. We would then pay taxes on those profits and capital gains. As it is, many are referring to SS payments as entitlements, same as welfare. Give me a break!

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### Testimony

Social Security benefits are taken from taxes on our earnings. They are created from taxes. They should not be taxed a second time.