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I retired about two years ago and am writing to support the House Bill 5062 which would exempt federal Social Security benefit payments from CT income tax.

Although this is not a critical financial issue for me, it is an easily quantifiable negative when it comes to weighing whether I will remain in Connecticut now that my work has ended. Quality of life discussions are subjective, but the argument that it costs me several thousand dollars in taxes every year to live here is objective (and is correctable by leaving for one of many other states).

When you consider that most pensioners no longer have children in school, are probably not much trouble to the local police, probably spend most of their income locally, and are certainly the demographic most seen volunteering in churches and soup kitchen charities, it might be argued that having them in the community is a good thing for the community in general. And few of these people are "living large" after their lifetime of work. Perhaps this bill deserves support.