

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Stop raising taxes and cut spending. Seniors are already behind the eight ball, starting with 2014, no cost of living increase, 2015 seniors received a 1.7% increase, and for 2016 we received nothing, because the price of gas went down. Now I don't know where you people shop, but everything else has gone up, groceries, taxes, medical, home and car repairs. Pays for town and state people have go up on average 2-3% a year. How much has cost of living gone up in CT. in last 3 years? The money we were making when we retired wasn't bad but the way this state is going nobody can afford to stay. I've lived here all my life and have never seen so many abandon homes, people can't afford to stay so they pack up and leave. Seniors are facing choices of eating, paying for medicine, or staying warm, or staying in a house they worked all their lives for, but now cannot afford the taxes. Case in point, I bought my house 44 years ago, now my taxes alone are more than my mortgage, taxes and interest were when I 1<sup>st</sup> bought it. It's not right people should be put in that position after working for 40 to 50 years for a home to have to sell it or lose it because of high taxes. The working people that made this country what was don't deserve what its become.

Cuts should start with the Gov. pay and benefits and travel for him all of his crew. Cut nonessential use of state vehicles. Body guards, why does Malloy need 8 to walk around capital building? Who is he afraid of? Unnecessary construction, stop welfare for ILLEGAL immigrants, unnecessary travel of all state people. Stop raising spending cap. Spend money like IT WAS COMING OUT OF YOUR PAY.

I would like to see a published budget by dept and a chance to question it. Not to just pass it because a one party majority. IT'S TIME THE TAX PAYERS OF THIS STATE HAVE THE LAST WORD ON WHERE OUR MONEY GOES RATHER THAN HAVE IT GO TO PET PROJECTS OF FEW IN CONTROL.

Thank You  
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