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Sen. Kissel:

Social security is earned by a person's work record, with points given for the amount of money earned. We are taxed for the money we earned in developing this sum of money set aside (allegedly) for our retirement safety net. Now ;we are being taxed again on the money that we have already been taxed for! That is double taxation.

The idea as I understand it behind Social Security was to provide a safety net for the population upon retirement. Some safety net! The state is taking away pieces of it, nibble by nibble!

When I was in the work force, I was told that I needed to figure how much of my money to save based upon my projected pension plan, my projected social security income, and whatever monies I saved via IRAs, bank accounts, etc. So I do that. But then when I am required to retire, the government comes in and takes away money from the plan! That is a broken promise! And what has th egovernment doe for me to hlep that original plan grow? Again, tax me on my earnings.

This tax has to go. The state is attempting to finance the state's horrible fiscal planning on the backs of the elderly, the poor, and the disabled. At the same time, your state policies are driving business - the employers of our middle class - away. So pretty soon, even some of us who wish not to be on the dole will be leaving too! Why not? All this state is doing for us is take, take, take!

Time for a turn-around, and repealing this onerous tax -- this is a good starting point!