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I still work, but my husband is retired and on social security. We have gone through years when, even though I have a good job- the bonuses and/or raises just were not there. We are not rich or poor by any means but we do have to be careful with our money. With so many changes recently, with healthcare costs absolutely sky-rocketing, this has become so much more difficult. It's tough when you have to decide on whether or not you can go see the doctor for some problem, get blood work or even get or refill a prescription. What used to be no copay or charges for instance, for the annual physicals- insurance companies AND doctors have found loopholes to charge for an EKG charge (which used to be included), blood work (which used to be included) etc. For my annual physical last fall, I was eventually charged BOTH for the ekg AND blood work! This all used to be no charge.

I digress, I apologize.. PLEASE do whatever you can to pass this bill to STOP charging personal state income tax for social security income. Connecticut is one of only a handful of states which tax it. We used to be so pompous and call Massachusetts " Taxachusetts"--- but now we are being taxed to death. Our governor will not be happy until only the very rich or very poor can afford to live in Connecticut. Our senior years are not meant to be spent pinching every penny and doing without so that we can live in our fair state. Other states are becoming much more favorable to consider as where to live once I retire as well. Other cultures and generations have held the elderly in reverence and respect. That is not the case today.

I appreciate all that you do, Art, and hope you will help us continue to live in CT and get rid of this tax!

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Torcello