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As a senior citizen who has worked for over forty years of my life and who has paid into social security, as well as having paid state and federal taxes for all that time, I believe that having to pay yet more taxes on money that I need for retirement is unreasonable and unfair. Surely Connecticut can do a better job of reviewing the state budget and figuring out items that really are not necessary, rather than taxing seniors who no longer have the earning power that they once had and thus need every penny of their social security benefit. I recently read about the plan to build a new, high-speed railway in Connecticut. This project would be extremely expensive, requiring more money raised, probably through taxes, to pay for it. Is another railway really necessary? Can improvements be made to the existing one? Taxes on social security would make seniors more vulnerable and stressed financially. Some seniors have already left the state because of CT's high taxes, and others are planning to retire out of the state for the same reason. For those of us who have lived in CT all our lives and love this state, please consider reducing or eliminating taxes on social security. We want to spend the rest of our days here.