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Good Day,

My name is Mark Gagnon and I am the President of Capitol Moving & Storage in South Windsor, CT, a family owned, third generation business for sixty-nine years.

I am opposed to the lockbox proposal presently before the legislature. Without a constitutional amendment, I fear the "lockbox" can be raided and used for other areas of government other than transportation. We see it happen now, how would this be any different?

As an interstate mover I have had a front row seat to the mass exodus that has been occurring in Connecticut since the income tax was enacted. The people moving tell us, time and time again, they are fleeing Connecticut to lower tax states. What Connecticut needs now, more than ever, is solid, gutsy leadership to make the necessary budget cuts and not gimmicky solutions like lockboxes.

I fear our lack of leadership will exasperate the exodus trend and I will be the last one here in Connecticut to turn out the lights. With expenses continuing to mount and increased competition from moving companies from states with lower taxes, my business will not make it to the fourth generation.

I urge you to reject the amendment as proposed.

Thank you,

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