

It is critical to CT's future that these two taxes be repealed.

Avoidance of these two taxes has not only driven countless well-to-do residents out of CT but also results in CT losing their income taxes for all those years before they die.

If the estate and gift taxes were repealed, CT's revenue from income taxes would increase demonstrably as residents would remain here knowing that their hard-earned estates would go to their children, not to Hartford.

I will be moving from CT for this very reason; the CT income tax is high but the estate and gift taxes are punitive.

And I cannot keep track of the number of my wealthy friends who have fled the state for this reason. Many of them say they would return if the gift and estate taxes were repealed.

Someone in Hartford should do the math.

CT will continue its population and economic decline unless Hartford stops punishing hard-working and successful taxpayers.

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