

As a 73 year old retired life long resident of CT, I pay more taxes than most and demand little in services. No complaints, I pay and accept my role in society, owning real estate in CT, buying cars, eating in restaurants, buying clothes, using medical facilities, traveling, and spending most of my income here. My similarly situated friends abandon CT at an alarming rate, headed for NH, FL, and now NY and NJ for one single reason. They have worked their entire lives to create a life for their families and have already paid taxes on that legacy, but realize CT is there to take it away in the form of estate taxes. They ask for no special treatment beyond that given by the federal government and 36 other states. To retain these high tax paying and low service demanding residents, all we have to do is harmonize our estate taxes with the federal model.

Please do this to save our state.

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