

Good afternoon members of the Appropriation, Commerce, Finance, Revenue & Bonding and Planning and Development Committees. My name is Bob Congdon and I am the First Selectman for the Town of Preston. Thank you providing me this opportunity to speak with you today regarding this very important issue, "Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth". I want to speak today not as a First Selectman but rather as a Father and Grand Father. I have three children and seven grandchildren, ages seven and younger, all of whom currently work and reside in Connecticut. After reading the recent report from the Connecticut Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth I shared the report with my children. We all came to the same conclusion: If action is taken immediately to change the economic and fiscal climate in Connecticut we will not be able to live, work and raise our families in Connecticut. If you have not read this report yet please make it a priority. The report clearly outlines the issues and suggests workable solutions. The path out of the mess we are in will not be easy or painless but you must act now.

Thank you