

Connecticut General Assembly
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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Raised S.B. 1141

AN Act Concerning Property Tax Reform

My Name is John Chunis. I live in Rocky Hill Connecticut. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975.

I **OPPOSE** this bill.

An increase in the sales tax rate and creation of a new “Municipal Capacity Fund” will only make living and doing business in Connecticut more expensive. This will drive more people out of the state and hurt our struggling economy.

The economy will grow if people have money to spend themselves, not the State.

This bill will also encourage those people who haven't fled the state to do their cash shopping in states where sales tax rates are lower or don't even exist, such as New Hampshire, when they are on vacation or travel to those states. This will actually hurt the CT sales tax revenue.

Residents also don't need any gimmicks presented in our laws about giving grants back to communities. We all know that the monies collected will end up going to the fiscally irresponsible cities. This bill is just another take “from the suburbs and give to the cities.” It is no wonder why CT is the only state in the Northeast with a population decline, no one wants to live here.

Please vote **NO** on S.B. 1141

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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