

State Tax Panel,

GE is seriously considering moving their corporate headquarters out of Connecticut. If that happens their manufacturing plants will be next. That alone says enough about taxes in Connecticut. We cannot let that happen! When GE moves out maybe opening another casino will make up for their loss? If anyone really believes that Connecticut is finished.

Most of us don't mind paying taxes for the things that benefit us all. What we don't like is the inefficient wasteful use of our money. Governor Malloy has managed to do some pretty ridiculous things with our money. Instead of letting things stabilize after the "Financial Crisis" and focusing on retaining current employers and growing manufacturing in Connecticut we built a Busway.

We do not live within our means. If I handled my finances like the state handles its finances I'd have been bankrupt long ago. Taxes in Connecticut must be lowered if we want survive!

What's it going to take for state government to realize we're doing the wrong thing? Should we wait for more residents and businesses to leave? Connecticut residents should not be considered an endless source of revenue!

A couple of thoughts from a taxpayer:

- We cannot afford to nor do we need to keep the state labor force at its current level. An immediate 10% reduction would not affect any working taxpaying resident. A total reduction of 25% over the next 3 years should be considered. I'm quite sure there many middle and upper level managers that don't have a full day every day. All new employees should be under a 401k... no pension.
- We need manufacturing! Not more taxes! There's NO SUCH THING as a "Service economy"!
- Casinos are never the answer...to anything...ever.
- Welfare should not be a way of life. The stories of welfare fraud and abuse are true. I've seen it. I recently witnessed a woman try to charge her Costco membership to the Connecticut taxpayers. Thanks to the clerk that said no.

Thanks,  
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