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**Wednesday, September 16**

**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

State Tax Panel Public Hearing

Location: **Room 2E** of the Legislative Office Building  
Capitol Avenue in Hartford

To the State Tax Panel:

In 1967, my family and our family business moved from New York State to Connecticut on the advice of friends and business acquaintances. We were told that Connecticut was more business friendly and had a better run government. We learned at the time that Connecticut was a far better place to do business.

What a disappointment we have now. We have far too many taxes, which only seem to be increasing. The burden on retired individuals is very severe. Please look for ways to cut spending, rather than increasing taxation.

Many of my dearest friends are now residents of Florida or other states with lower taxes and no estate tax.

Many of Connecticut's wealthiest no longer claim residence in Connecticut. WHY?? They will not support Connecticut's version of government spending and taxation.

I now understand that the legislature and governor want to create yet another form of taxation at a county or regional level. I strongly oppose the proposed additional taxation

Why do the governor and his democrat partners want to give my tax money to businesses to stay in Connecticut? One should be PROUD to reside or have a business in Connecticut... One should not be paid to remain with taxpayers' money! Of course, I would love to have Hartford send me money to stay in Connecticut.

Bottom line... Stop increasing taxes and start cutting expenses. Connecticut has too many taxes and the impact on retired folks like me is very painful.