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Enough is enough with CT Taxes. This state is one of the highest taxed states in the nation, let alone at the bottom of the list for economic and job growth. Not only can we not hold onto businesses in this state, we cannot even hold onto residents because of the extensive taxation and costs to live here. We do not need more taxes. We need to rebrand CT to draw businesses and people back into the state.

For Example, one of the main reasons that small businesses do not bother to start up here is because of the BET or Business Entity tax every year. It is a huge deterrent to wanting to bring any business to CT, but especially small ones.

As to the Property Tax on items like Cars, this is one of the biggest reasons why people will not buy new cars because the yearly tax on them is outrageous. In addition, we are one of only 2 states that do this. It is a huge detriment in drawing new people to move to CT because it is one more tax.

I could go on and on, but with 60% of our residents trying to move out of CT. And with probably just as many walking away from their homes because they cannot sell them or afford them, taxation in this state must stop. Instead we need to focus on REBRANDING Connecticut to attract tourists, families, businesses and so on. I have already put forth my suggestions to the Department of Economic and Community Development. It just would be nice if someone finally listened to the people who struggle to live here.