

In the past two years I have had more friends and family who have left or are leaving Connecticut than I have had in the previous 40. The common denominator is, "I can't afford to live here anymore!" We have one of the highest shadow housing inventories in the nation - it's no wonder!

If there is any shred of human decency left in state government, this budget should be scrapped and we should embark on a total "do over". This condition didn't come out of the blue. It isn't rocket science. The government failed basic arithmetic.

Our roads and bridges are unsafe. With a weak economy and strained resources you fix what you have - you don't build a bus-way and new ball park. You don't hand out large pay increases when the COLA is less than 2%.

Connecticut's government has developed programs that have attracted elements of society that are financial liabilities. The government has grown to support these programs. The human elements that are assets are leaving. This is not going to end well.

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