

First, I'd like to suggest that the Sales tax be lowered. I would suggest that it be 1% lower than all surrounding states. This will encourage people from MA, RI & NY to cross into the state and shop in CT stores. This will create jobs in CT retail and the difference in lost revenue, could possibly be made up from increased sales from outsiders and added income from the income tax on the increased jobs. One only needs to go to Agawam, MA and watch the flood of cars with CT license plates filling up on cheaper gas to realize that this would work.

Second, do away with the tax on Social Security Retirement. CT is one of only 12 states that tax SS Ret.

As a retired citizen, considering leaving the state because of the heavy taxes, I can't stress enough that this is a heavy burden on people on fixed incomes.

Thanks you for your consideration,

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