

Property Taxes Unfair to Unemployed and Fixed Income Residents- Should be Income-Based

The Property Tax in the State of Connecticut and its cities and towns, is onerous and unfair to older residents and those who are unemployed and/or on fixed or limited incomes. The continuous increases in local property taxes in this state are quickly eroding my retirement savings, and those of others like myself, therefore putting ability to remain in our homes in jeopardy. I am fortunate to own my home outright, due to hard work and spending prioritization when I was younger, but now I am unemployed at the age of 59, and solely dependent on my retirement savings to make ends meet day-to-day.

Using Property Taxes to fund education, and even worse, using Property Taxes to fund educator's salaries and pension obligations, is actually robbing responsible, long time elderly citizens of this state of their life savings. For individuals like myself who've never had children, it is especially unfair to ignore the inequality of this policy and tax situation.

Use of Property Taxes to fund education has created an environment that rewards transient families and apartment dwellers with large families and numerous children with the gift of free education, paid for with the scarce hard earned retirement savings of others.

“Education Funding should be Income-based and adjusted via tax credits upward or downward based on number of children actively participating in the current education system.” This would ensure transient families and apartment dwellers do not take advantage of our education system and leave after their children, pay their fair share. I am not promoting penalizing anybody here. What I am suggesting is those that put the greatest burden on the education system, actually fund it, but only if they can afford to do so.

Sincerely,

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