

I am writing to you with my concerns about the increasing tax issue in the state of Connecticut.

We are taxed on everything-manicures, pedicures, gas tax (absurd amount), food, clothing, dry cleaning, entry fees to state parks (really), our pensions are taxed, etc. etc. etc.

I don't know if you have noticed but people are leaving the state in droves and I will be joining them. Eventually the only people who will be able to stay in the state are state employees and the very wealthy. Or yeah all the people getting "freebies" from the state.

Here is a thought-stop living beyond "our means". I have to do it. I am employed full time however, I drive a 16 year old car, my refrigerator is stocked with only the bare necessities, I haven't had a vacation in years, I have to really consider how much money I can spend on anything. I can't tell you how many times I have picked up items and put them back down, both in the grocery store and the retail stores, because they just are not in the budget. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> my state income tax withdrawal from my check went up. I had heard this was going to happen to single people. This increase affects widows, widowers and single parents. When does it end? I have a pretty good idea when it will end for me. When I join all the other smart people and companies that have left the state.

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