

Our state has for far too long been a haven to those who would consume government services and not have any responsibility for paying tax dollars. Given, our state (and all states) must protect the elderly, children, those fallen on hard times and need a helping hand (not a way of life). Our state must not spend more money than it collects in taxes. Our state should avoid "pork barrel" type spending. Our state must balance its budget. There are some basic functions of state government: i.e. protect the elderly, provide for the education of children, develop and maintain a state transportation infrastructure, protect consumers, maintain emergency facilities and services. The state should create an economic climate where small business will develop and flourish (not tax and regulate them to death).

The state should make Connecticut attractive to out of state business entities. Otherwise, the state should not continue to expand social welfare and levy corresponding taxes to support services.

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