

To the State Tax Panel,

I have been a resident all of my 62 years and I, like just about everyone else in this state, am fed up with the high taxes. Why don't you use a little common sense and lower some taxes, especially the gas tax. You could keep Connecticut residents from crossing the border and purchasing gas plus other items by just lowering the tax by at least 20 cents per gallon. But no, Chairman Malloy won't hear of it and the Democrats in both the house and senate just want to get their greedy hands on our last dime so they can foolishly spend it on stuff most Connecticut residents don't want or need. The bus line that was built in New Britain is a great example of government wasted spending that the majority of people did not want. We, the residents, will have to subsidize this folly for many years to come.

I am planning on leaving this tax and spend state like thousands before me have already done. I plan on continuing to gas up in Massachusetts when I visit my son. I never dreamed I would be forced out of Connecticut because of failed fiscal policies and the stupidity of those in charge. Were it not for the tags on my car, I would deny that I lived in Connecticut. It is an embarrassment to live in a state where we have been voted the worst state to retire in as well as one of the most business unfriendly states in the country. We have no one else to blame for putting us in this position, but for those who have been in charge.

I hope and pray that common sense will once again permeate through the chambers of our capital building, but I have little faith that it will as long as this state keeps raising taxes and driving people and businesses out of it.

DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE!

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