

These are my comments about taxes.

1. We should collect tolls on I95 and I84. Many of the states have tolls on their roads and we should do the same. NY, NJ, and MA are good examples. When we (people of CT) use their roads, they collect money from us. We should do the same.
2. The state needs tort reform. This may not seem like it has anything to do with taxes but it does. When a company has to defend itself against frivolous law suits, it takes money. This money could have been spent on expanding its business or used to pay the high taxes in the state.
3. The state needs to roll back the reduction in Medicare payments for obstetrics. You can't cut their earnings, raise taxes on their business, and expect them to stay in the state. It just does not work that way! When you cut payments to physician's businesses, it hurts the Medicare patients and the physician's business. It will hurt the Medicare patients because physicians will stop accepting Medicare patients. Who will care for these people? If physicians cannot bill enough to cover expenses, they will be forced to reduce their labor force. The state will not be able to collect tax money from the unemployed.

When I talk to people about the state, the comments are that the state is not business friendly and doesn't seem to care about the young people leaving the state. Since the state is not business friendly companies do not move into the state and ones that are here tend to leave. When we lose companies, we lose jobs and people. Your revenue sources are decreasing and you can't make up the difference by taxing the rest of us.

The legislature needs to seriously reflect on what they are doing to the state and its people.

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