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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

May 7th, 2015

Re: Statement in favor of making CT 'globally competitive' again

To Members of the CT General Assembly:

To generate more tax revenues for State government, only one action is needed by CT Legislators: LOWER TAXES. Especially regressive sales taxes and licenses and fees as well as state income taxes. This in turn will propel economic growth and increase transactions leading to a long-needed increase in private sector jobs for people in CT and increases in demand for goods and services from CT-based businesses. This in turn will result in increased tax revenues to State government while also lessening the financial burden on the State to assist people who will no longer be underemployed or unemployed. The Legislature SHOULD however immediately enact laws to install tolls on both ends of both I-84 and I-95 and maybe on the Northern side of I-91 and designate all revenues from same into a new, 'locked box' transportation fund composed of revenues from lowered gasoline and diesel taxes and DMV fees not needed to operate DMV itself. These funds-maybe \$2.5 billions- should THEN be divided up 50/50 between the State DOT and town/city road/public works departments to finance long-needed secondary town road and bridge and drain improvements and to provide much needed increased funds for ongoing maintenance 12 months of the year, especially for municipalities. Failing to lower CT taxes or worse, raising taxes generally except for tolls, will result on continuing the totally unnecessary yet inhibited economic growth CT residents have faced while the rest of the nation improves economically. Higher taxes will also increase the hurt and burden on CT's aging population whose fixed incomes can no longer sustain such tax increases. Finally, increased state taxes will prevent CT from ever being globally competitive again.

Again: LOWER STATE TAXES TO PROPEL AND INCREASE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO OBTAIN INCREASED TAX REVENUES. Sounds counterintuitive but it worked for the USA under President Jack Kennedy; it will work for CT now.

Respectfully submitted,

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