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Subject: Tax Hike - Public Hearing Testimony

Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

Connecticut is approx. the 3rd state with the highest state-local taxes. We are in the Top-5 in the midst of 4 other states that are much larger than ours. The closest state compared to our size is New Jersey and they are slightly more than 36% times larger than us. We have made many budget cuts in the minority neighborhoods, eliminated many programs throughout the state, the fail to fix our streets properly, you take sometimes 20%+ of citizen's hard earn paychecks, etc.-With all of this in mind, we still want to raise taxes? If taxes are your only solution to every problem, than you do not belong to be in office. How much more money are you going to take out of our pockets. The that happens, the more people need to apply for section 8 and other programs to help them maintain a household, like myself. Pretty much, the money will just keep recycling causing their to be more assistance programs as such and more as needed. Raising taxes are not helping us too much, it's just has been causing more devastation to families, especially those with children in their households. Find other way to make money besides taxes. Have a fundraiser, brainstorm. I'm sure it's clear that not everyone has well-paying jobs as the government or pensions, and other helpful programs. I plan to move out of the state because of taxes as do many people I know-- from teachers, to business owners and more. We have been taken advantage of for too long. CT needs to put their foot down and end raising taxes!

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