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To: testimony@housegop.ct.gov

Subject: New Taxes In CT

Dear Representative,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I apologize for not being able to testify in person, but being an independent optometrist and small business owner, as well as a lifetime resident of Connecticut, I feel my opinion needs to be heard.

Over the last eight years, I have seen far too many people leave my practice for other states. I cannot compete with that. Even though my practice continues to grow, I lost an average of six families a month to other states. The number one reason patients tell me they are leaving is: lower taxes elsewhere. Even my own parents, with my father planning on retiring at the age of 75, cannot afford to live in Connecticut. It is time to cut taxes and re-evaluate how we do business in Connecticut, before we end up looking like Detroit.

Thank You,

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