

## Frilling, Tara

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**To:** Sen. Fasano, Len  
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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

CT needs to be cutting both expenses and taxes. I am surprised to hear that a tax increase is under consideration at all.

Former Governor Weiner introduced state income taxes as a short term fix for a then, short-term fiscal issue. The income tax was never eliminated as promised. Rather, State government has consistently increased its spending so it consumed the income tax "windfall" and more. The State has never looked back.

We have a history of collecting \$1.00 in tax revenue and spending \$1.25. The sooner we tackle this issue, the more manageable the adjustments will be.

You have a responsibility to your constituents to put CT's fiscal house in order i.e. start funding unfunded pension liabilities, eliminate duplicate services, streamline service delivery, revamp the state's tax code, etc.

Let's get going before it's too late. The can is at the end of the road.

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