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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

Dear State Legislators and Finance Committee, I am one voice but I will speak loudly so hopefully everyone will listen to what I have to say. I am so fed up with politics and politicians believing they have to be everything to everyone in order to get them to vote for them in the next election. Your job as a state legislator is to run the State of Connecticut within budget and to look for ways to stop wasteful spending. Your job is not to raise taxes to fund more than we can currently support with our current tax base. I've written to you in the past and my message is the same. You need to cut spending and you need to start by looking at state expenses vs. the private sector. When private company profits go down, they look at their labor costs, raw material costs, they explore less expensive ways to achieve the same goal, and they do not raise prices. They freeze salary increases, they reduce overtime spending, they tighten their belt buckles to remain profitable. In contrast, look at what state employees are getting for salaries and benefits. Look at the funding for people in our state that are not even citizens of our country. Look at college tuition for foreign students and how it compares to CT residents' tuition. Look at where the money goes and prioritize where the money should go. Think of the burden you are imposing on the residents of this state and compare what we have to residents of other states that are more cost conscious. It's gotta stop and hopefully you will be the state legislature that will take the bold step and do your job. Again, I'm only one voice but I find it difficult to understand why you constantly want to spend more and more of my money. Please STOP and be fiscally responsible. Thank you for listening.

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