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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

Ladies and Gentlemen... I present the following testimony with hope that someone in Hartford has enough sense to actually think about what they're about to do.

When I was a young boy in the early 70's, Connecticut was considered the destination you sought to prove you had made it in life. In fact though, it predates me in that. If you remember, when Ricky Ricardo on the, "I Love Lucy" show became successful, he and Lucy moved out of their apartment in NYC and moved to Westport. It was a BIG deal! Connecticut was where successful people went to live, "The good life." Back then, living in Connecticut was something to be VERY proud of.

It's NOT anymore.

Statistics show that people are leaving this state in droves. Businesses are leaving and it's systematically destroying life here.

This descent did not happen overnight. It's a process that began when Lowell Weicker implemented the state income tax and it's been one foolish decision after another since then that has shattered this state.

The liberal mentality of taking from the rich and giving to the poor has never worked. Income redistribution doesn't work... Creating opportunities for individuals without the burden of government waiting in the alley to steal it from the people who earn it, does work. It's what made this country what it is and it's the very disease that is destroying Connecticut.

The illusion that the leadership of this state is trying to pass is that it's the rich paying "their fair share" so that the poor can have more. The problem with that is two fold.

1) Their definition of what a rich person is lacks any common sense whatsoever. It's the middle class that is paying the way, NOT the truly rich.

2) Overtaxing the people who are genuinely rich solves nothing. The money you rob from them is money that could create opportunity for those in need by creating more jobs or spurring on sales etc.,

What this governor and the Democrat leadership are doing is merely following the marching orders of their union overlords. They have no conceptual understanding that lowering taxes actually increases dollars collected and you get that money on volume because you create more wealth that way.

Creating a business environment that thrives - without having to bribe companies to be here - is the way out. You do that by rejecting increasing government regulation, mandates and foolishness and - here's a novel concept - letting companies make money! When they do, more people work. More people make money. More people pay taxes and not drain the system.

Lastly, the other thing that needs to be done is lowering state spending. Government does NOT create opportunity. Government stifles opportunity. Spending ridiculous amounts of money and then chasing away tax payers who don't want to pay for these things just creates fewer taxpayers and over-burdens an already crippled middle class.

In closing, I just want to share one quote with you. Many of you have probably heard it before. Margaret Thatcher once said - and was so right on target when she said, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

It's good, sound advice and something that should be DEEPLY considered.

I thank you for your time.

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