

Hi! My name is Sue Farrell I have been a West Hartford, CT resident since 1991. I was born and raised in East Hartford, CT and am a graduate from the University of CT. I am completely disgusted with the proposed tax increases that our state democrats think they can just put on through. Wasn't Gov. Malloy just saying in his reelection campaign that our state was NOT in a deficit? In his televised debate with Joe Visconti. It was just before the election, around Oct 23. From Hartford Courant

"We need tax cuts," Visconti said. "We need reformation of the tax code."

Malloy disputed the notion of future deficits several times, saying that his administration would not increase the budget by the projected 7.8 percent spending increase that is assumed by the legislature's nonpartisan fiscal office in the deficit projections. He said he would not budget the expected inflationary increases.

"Let me very clear," Malloy said. "There will not be a deficit, nor will there be a tax increase."

Ok fast forward...here we are and the Democrats of this state think it is wise again to raise taxes. Oh yeah, and let's just move the New Britain Rock Cats to Hartford and build a new stadium without asking any the tax payers nor notifying the town of New Britain and have the taxpayer help fund it. Be real!!! It is not enough that our state is the number one state in our nation that has the largest exodus in the past year. We are no longer the "Insurance Capital of the World" nor a top ten state in aerospace jobs...which we were know as many years ago.

My family and I live in this state since our entire family live here or within 2 hours of here. We live within our means. We would love to spend money on redoing our kitchen, buying a new car every year, going off on vacations to exotic places, etc. But we have two children that will be in college next year – one a junior at Harvard and a freshman at University of Delaware. We are getting no help from our federal government to send them to college. So we put spending on hold and live within our means and try our best to support our community by volunteering at our church St. Peter Claver in West Hartford in various capacities, fundraise for the ACS's West Hartford Relay For Life, go to fundraisers to support the Malta House of Care mobile health clinic and support the Medical Aid to Haiti. I wish our state could consider living within their means for once instead of raising taxes or bringing back toll booths! I know it isn't easy but you must try if you want to attract businesses and families to our state. And I want to spend any "extra" money on causes that I support or that my neighbors support and not have it go to this state so they can spend it on things they think is more important (ie. A new ball park when the one in New Britain is just fine).

Thank you for listening to my testimony. Now I have to get back to work. I took of time from work to come here. I hope you take what I have to say in serious consideration and that by raising taxes again, you are only going to force more families and businesses out of this state and there will be nobody left to tax.