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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

As we look at the implications for the proposed state budget and tax increases the most damaging aspect will be the negative impact on new business creation and business expansion. New business and growth are key to Connecticut climbing out of the economic hole that has been dug. If we look at the list of services that sales tax will be extended to we see architecture, engineering, design, surveying, consulting, etc. which are all services critical to new and expanding businesses. Added to that the 2% surcharge on capital gains further discourages investment. Many new business ventures are run on a shoestring and added headwinds like these proposed taxes will have an oversize negative impact.

The business community has set a goal to improve the business ranking of the CT from 47th to 20th in the nation by 2017. This proposed budget will likely drag us to last place, 50th by 2016. If we set out to create a plan to discourage business growth in Connecticut this package would be a strong start. We cannot expect success by bribing companies to stay in or move to our state while propagating uncontrolled spending and an oppressive tax structure.

The state needs a plan to control spending, address long term unfunded obligations, reduce taxes and encourage new and expanding businesses. The new jobs and opportunities created will lift up all the residents of Connecticut.

Thank You,

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