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Dear Senator Fasano and Representative Klarides:

After we have failed to cut governmental costs and continue to spend more than we do collect, proposing a tax increase is incompetent and irresponsible. Before taxes are increased, some basic fiscal policies and rules need enactment. First, we should produce a budget constructed according to GAAP: make clear the real state of affairs, no more smoke and mirrors. All efforts should address cost cutting and outsourcing of services into the private sector. Live within your means! If we were to run our governmental affairs, as we have to manage our personal finances, prudent decisions could be derived. Raises, length of employment bonuses, and guaranteed employment of any kind should be stopped immediately as they would in any business. It is hypocritical to preach one thing and practice another.

Increased tax revenue should come from the successes of business: increased profits and employment. Growing businesses in our State is the solution for tax revenue. Our current policies are driving business and labor from the State. However, based upon our political leadership, we are succeeding; but our spending continues to increase and our budget is unbalanced. Borrowing money does not balance a budget. Leaders in the private sector are fired for producing similar results. Maybe we should refuse payment of pension and benefits to those politicians who leave office with budgets unbalanced!

Implementing a tax increase or implementing new taxes is irresponsible, self-serving, and the easy way out. The political agendas do not effectively address these issues. It is frustrating to be ineffective and watch our policies steered by these agendas. The public is being "played." I vote NO to tax increases and new taxes. Manage your finances better; run it as a business!

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