

# The Connecticut General Assembly



May 23, 2019

The Honorable Ned Lamont  
Governor, State of Connecticut

Dear Gov. Lamont,

We, the undersigned members of the Connecticut General Assembly, ask you to join us in supporting a two percent surcharge on capital gains for couples earning over \$1 million in annual income and individuals earning over \$500,000 in annual income.

Our state relies heavily on regressive sales and property taxes, while employing merely a moderately progressive income tax. This structure soaks the middle class, taking over 12 percent of their income in state and local taxes. Meanwhile, those in the top one percent pay only 8.1 percent of their income in taxes according to the Department of Revenue Services.

The proposal to add a surcharge on capital gains does not penalize the wealthy, but rather makes our system fairer and more equitable. Since the Great Recession, Connecticut's top one percent has garnered 100 percent of increased income and received a windfall from the Trump tax cuts. Meanwhile, the middle class has seen their incomes stagnate as they continue to shoulder a disproportionate tax burden. Rather than asking the middle class to dig even deeper into their pockets, we should ask those paying the lowest percentage of their income in taxes – and who have the most disposable income to spare – to pay their fair share.

For Connecticut to move forward, we need a strong economy with a robust middle class that empowers everyone to succeed. We ask that you join us in supporting a fairer tax system that will enable us to invest in a brighter future for Connecticut.

Respectfully,

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