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Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey regarding the governor's proposed state budget. Our budget is projected to have a 17% deficit this coming year, which must be closed through a combination of spending cuts, state employee givebacks, and increased taxes. Your responses will help me know your priorities so that I may advocate for our community effectively while the legislature looks at these options.

If you would rather complete the survey electronically, please visit my website to fill out the questionnaire. It can be found at [www.housedems.ct.gov/Perone](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Perone)

*Chris Perone*

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**The Governor proposed several ways to cut state spending. Which do you prefer most?**

Please rank your answers by order of preference, with 1 for most preferable (or least distasteful.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Restructure state government and reduce the number of agencies from 81 down to 57
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concessions from state unions and workers *(check any)*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Extend the wage freeze for another two years
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Add more furlough days or adjust the workweek to 35 hours instead of 40
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Increase medical premiums for active and retired employees by \$350
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce public school and university grant funding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cut funding to the state university system and community/technical schools
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce funding for health centers and hospitals that treat underinsured patients
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce Medicaid benefits and add copayments
- \_\_\_\_\_ Give the Office of the Comptroller the authority to make bulk prescription purchases

What would you cut? \_\_\_\_\_

**The Governor has proposed a number of revenue-raising measures. Your thoughts?**

Please rank your answers by order of preference, with 1 for most preferable (or least distasteful.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Elimination of the Property Tax credit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increase the Sales Tax base rate to 6.35%
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt a 2% surcharge on rental cars
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the tax exemption on clothing and footwear priced below \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce the Estate Tax exemption threshold from \$3.5 million to \$2.0 million
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increase the tax on alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increase the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt a 3% surcharge on luxury goods, like expensive cars, jewelry or boats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increase the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 12% to 14%
- \_\_\_\_\_ Phase in an Income Tax increase, starting with slight increases on single filers making over \$50,000 and larger increases on incomes exceeding several hundred thousand dollars

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

“There Ought To Be A Law...” *(bill suggestions):* \_\_\_\_\_

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