



Legislative Survey Results



State Representative **Themis Klarides**



Dear Friends:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my Legislative Survey. I have received a large number of responses, which clearly indicates to me

that people in Woodbridge, Orange and Derby are interested in what we are doing in Hartford.

I have reviewed each survey and value your comments and opinions and will consider them as I act on your behalf during this session of the General Assembly. Please be assured that all individual responses will be kept confidential.

Once again, thank you for sharing your views. And as always, if I can be of assistance to you on any matter concerning state government, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Best
Wishes,

Themis Klarides

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1. **Public Safety/Crime**

Should repeat violent offenders be subject to mandatory life sentences for such crimes as arson, rape, murder or home invasion?

80% YES **16% NO** **4% UNANSWERED**

2. **Immigration**

Federal laws prohibit a person who enters and lives in the U.S. illegally from receiving federal social services resources. Should that person be eligible for state subsidies including fuel assistance, in-state tuition or public housing?

21% YES **76% NO** **3% UNANSWERED**

3. **Education**

The state's largest cities receive nearly one-third of all school funding yet educate just 12 percent of all students. Should state resources be re-allocated to other suburban and rural school districts more evenly?

73% YES **23% NO** **4% UNANSWERED**

4. **Property Taxes**

Should local property tax increases be capped at 3 percent per year?

74% YES **23% NO** **3% UNANSWERED**

5. **State Taxes**

Would you support raising the state income tax in the event of a state budget deficit?

23% YES **76% NO** **1% UNANSWERED**

6. **Debt Service**

Connecticut has one of the highest debts per capita in the nation. Would you support paying down the debt even if payment resulted in the cutting of state services?

61% YES **33% NO** **6% UNANSWERED**

7. **Health Care**

90% of Connecticut residents have private health insurance. Do you support establishing a health care system that is paid for and administered by the state?

37% YES **60% NO** **3% UNANSWERED**

8. **Recycling**

Do you support putting a deposit on water and juice bottles in order to encourage recycling?

79% YES **20% NO** **1% UNANSWERED**

9. **Environment**

Do you support allocating more state funds for the acquisition and preservation of more open space and farmland?

76% YES **23% NO** **1% UNANSWERED**

10. **Income Tax**

Do you support elimination of the income tax on social security and pension benefits?

86% YES **12% NO** **2% UNANSWERED**