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## Letter: Government power, out of control

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Jeers to the bipartisan effort to raise taxes yet again on Granite Staters. In surveys, only 1 percent of Americans believe that they are “undertaxed,” yet both major political parties seem to believe that we could use some more. While the Legislature spends \$39 million in business subsidies and \$41 million building yet another women’s prison, Congress is now spending just over \$99 billion on what the Cato Institute terms “corporate welfare,” and as much on the war in the Middle East.

The truth is, we’ve gotten away from the notion of limited government in this country as our self-reliant culture has been slowly eroded. Public schools, buses, rail and other state-run monopolies now cost 3-5 times as much as their private sector counterparts. The public sector’s costs continue to grow at three times the rate of inflation, and shows no signs of slowing. Prisons now cost more than \$35,000 per year per inmate, and that system is being used as the proposed solution to every social ill. Prosecutors now target the poor, brown Americans, gun owners, pot smokers, and even political dissidents at the expense of the taxpayer. Government power has simply grown out of control, and we need to pull together as a country and stop it.

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