EXHIBIT NO. 7
DATE 3-10-2009

Change Exemptions and Rates, 6 year phase in

Assumptions (as per decision point mapping document)

Phase In: Yes – 6 years

Tax Rates

Class 3 Tax Rate:	2.28%
Class 4 Residential Tax Rate:	2.28%
Class 4 Commercial Tax Rate:	2.28%
Class 10 Tax Rate:	0.23%

Exemptions

Homestead Exemption:	44.0%
Comstead Exemption:	17.5%

Circuit Breaker
Existing income-based property tax relief programs

Additional Features
The tax rates are not decoupled.
There are not staggered or fixed dollar exemptions.

Standards Used in Analysis by Department of Revenue – Tax Policy and Research

Mills
All mills float. The individual home examples and individual business examples use the average consolidated mills. This includes the 6 university mills, the 95 school mills, all mills levied by local jurisdictions and schools.

Growth
The analysis uses the OBPP growth rates for each class of property to estimate the growth in newly taxable property. Every proposal will show additional income in future years from revenue generated from mills on this new property and inflationary increases allowed under 15-10-420, MCA. The comparison between current law and the proposal will show the amount of mitigation.

The impact on property in the reappraisal classes is based on properties whose percentage growth in value due to reappraisal is within the International Association of Assessing Officers' recommended limits. All properties existing in tax year 2008 are included, but the percentage applied to estimate the appreciation in value does not incorporate the extraordinary changes from properties outside these limits.

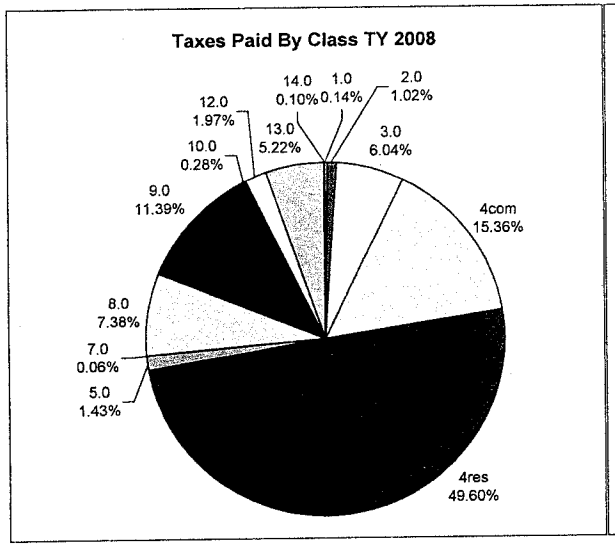
Multi family structures are treated like class 4 residential property throughout this analysis. Multi family structures are classified as commercial property, but they have the same exemption and tax rate as residential property.

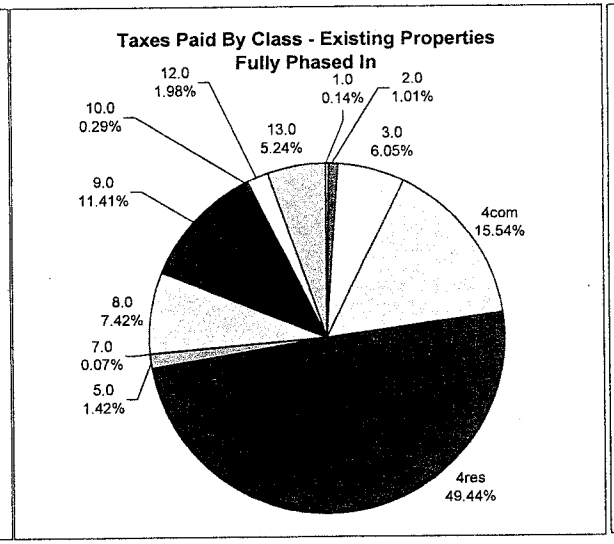
Tax Rates, Exemptions -In Mitigation Option

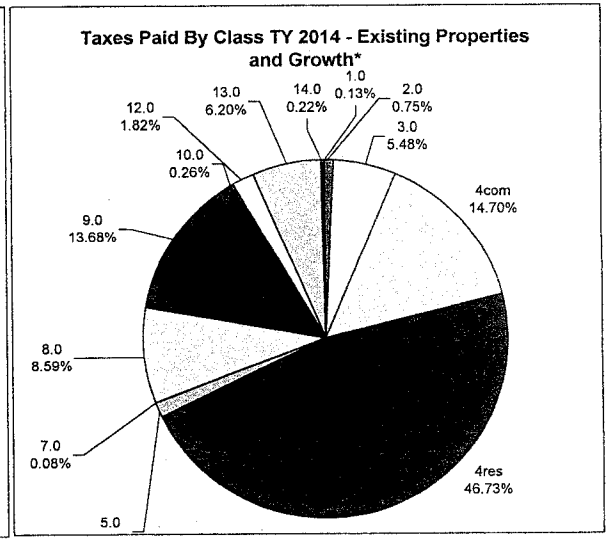
Current Law	Class 3 Agricultural Tax Rate	Class 4 Residential Tax Rate	Class 4 Commercial Tax Rate	Class 10 Forestland Tax Rate	Class 4 Homestead	Class 4 Comstead
	3.01%	3.01%	3.01%	0.35%	34.00%	15.00%
Proposed Mitigation	Class 3 Agricultural Tax Rate	Class 4 Residential Tax Rate	Class 4 Commercial Tax Rate	Class 10 Forestland Tax Rate	Class 4 Homestead	Class 4 Comstead
	2.28%	2.28%	2.28%	0.23%	44.00%	17.50%

		TY 2008		Fully Phased In - Existing Properties				TY 2014 Existing Properties and Growth*			
Tax Class	Description	Taxable Value	Taxes Paid	Taxable Value	Taxes Paid	% Change in Taxes Paid	$ Change in Taxes Paid	Taxable Value	Taxes Paid	% Change in Taxes Paid From TY 2008	$ Change in Taxes Paid From TY 2008
1.0	Mine Net Proceeds	4,013,187	1,651,471	4,013,187	1,647,047	-0.27%	(4,424)	4,089,168	1,780,709	7.83%	129,237
2.0	Gross Proceeds	24,540,432	11,627,140	24,540,432	11,455,443	-1.48%	(171,696)	21,116,736	10,080,559	-13.30%	(1,546,580)
3.0	Agricultural Land	142,098,658	68,908,193	144,186,193	68,961,252	0.08%	53,059	145,364,834	73,401,926	6.52%	4,493,734
4com	Commercial Property	289,796,019	175,206,000	290,511,037	177,061,896	1.06%	1,855,896	299,018,872	197,010,828	12.45%	21,804,828
4res	Residential Property	1,006,798,601	565,830,038	1,001,075,580	563,371,327	-0.43%	(2,458,711)	1,030,913,233	626,406,765	10.71%	60,576,727
5.0	Pollution Control Equipment	35,154,576	16,275,932	35,154,576	16,219,028	-0.35%	(56,903)	37,770,011	18,417,589	13.16%	2,141,657
7.0	Non-Centrally Assessed Utilities	1,214,360	734,443	1,214,360	806,524	9.81%	72,081	1,494,245	1,084,675	47.69%	350,232
8.0	Business Personal Property	163,140,404	84,149,499	163,140,404	84,561,580	0.49%	412,081	209,727,624	115,133,680	36.82%	30,984,181
9.0	Non-Electrical Generating Property of Electrical Utilities	263,086,175	129,940,878	263,086,175	130,040,390	0.08%	99,512	354,294,467	183,331,852	41.09%	53,390,974
10.0	Forestland	6,815,620	3,241,315	6,899,675	3,270,554	0.90%	29,239	6,848,355	3,460,029	6.75%	218,714
12.0	Railroad and Airline Property	43,567,384	22,475,586	43,567,384	22,536,120	0.27%	60,534	44,555,474	24,412,038	8.62%	1,936,452
13.0	Telecommunications & Electric Property	154,611,156	59,531,164	154,611,156	59,665,220	0.23%	134,056	205,933,440	83,062,175	39.53%	23,531,010
14.0	Commercial Wind Generation Facilities	2,943,785	1,175,095	2,943,785	1,150,371	-2.10%	(24,725)	7,643,733	2,903,304	147.07%	1,728,209
Total		2,137,780,357	1,140,746,754	2,134,943,945	1,140,746,754	0.00%	0	2,368,770,194	1,340,486,128	17.51%	199,739,374

*Growth includes both new property and the inflation growth allowed by 15-10-420, MCA







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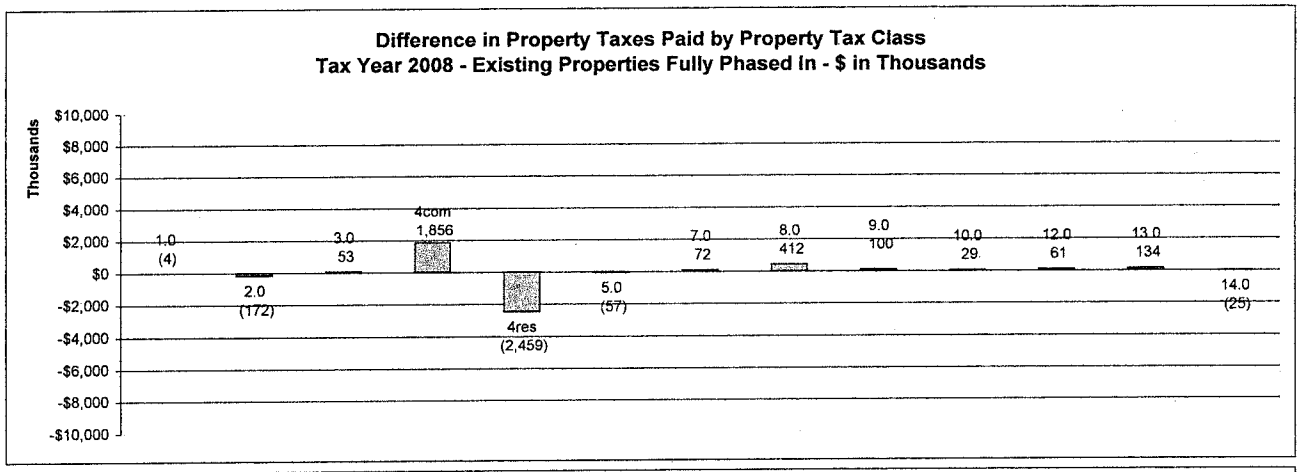
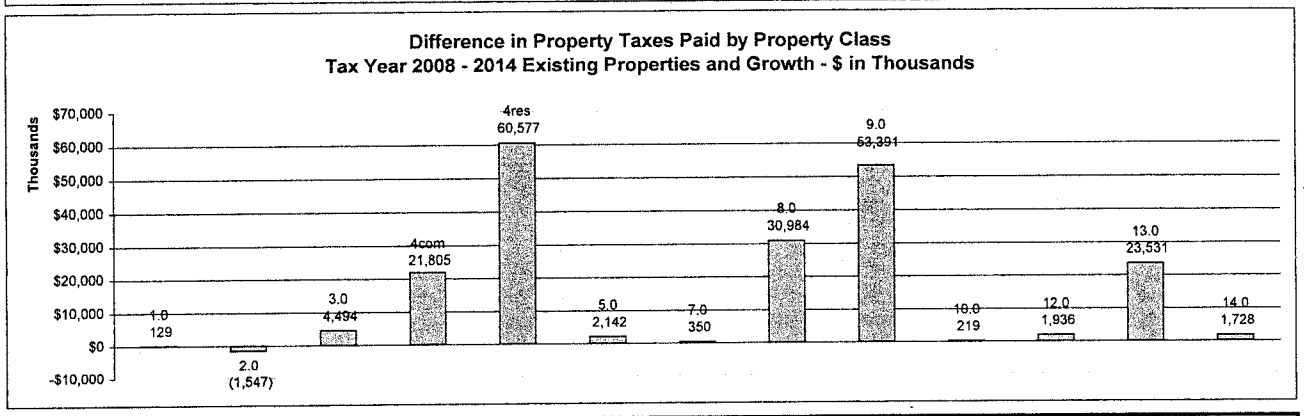
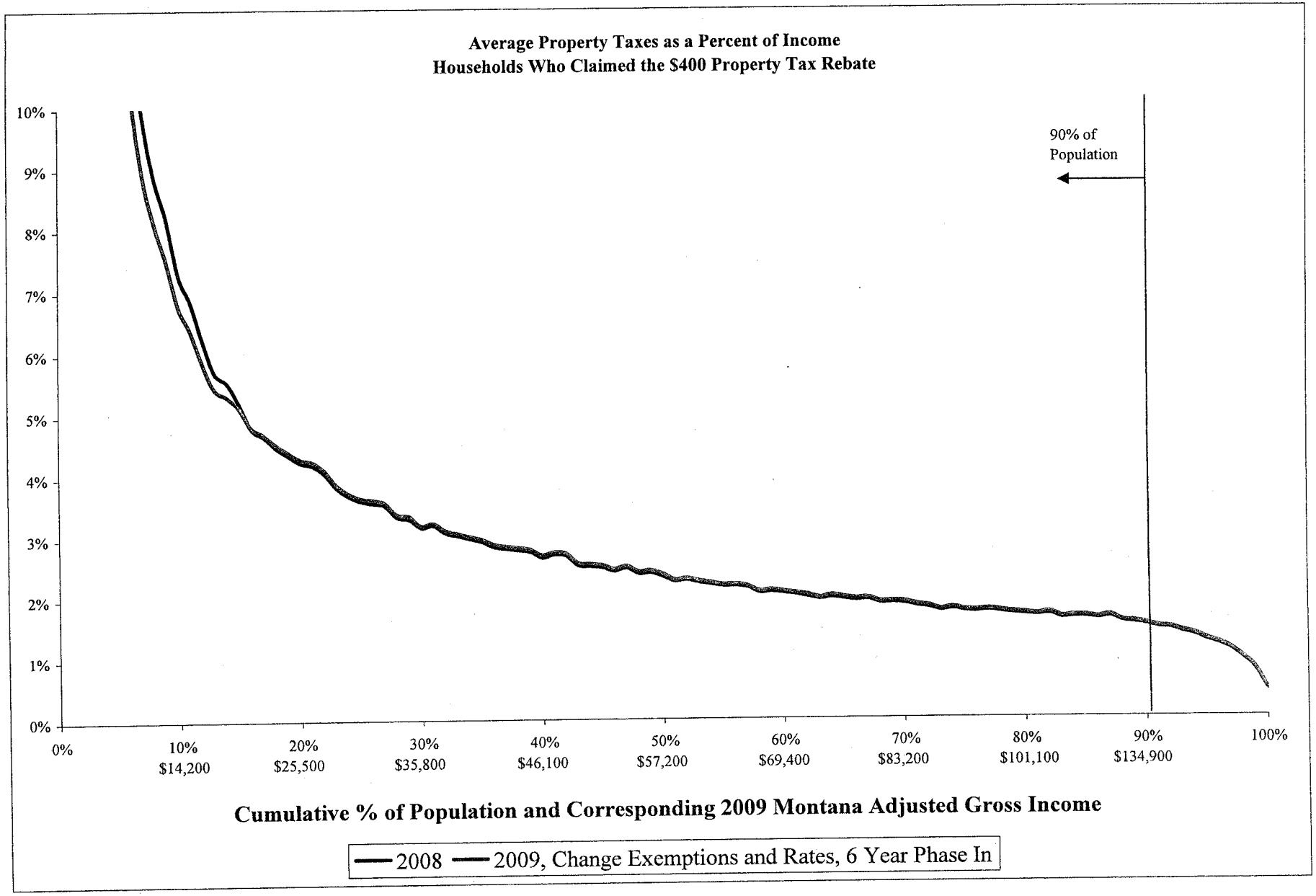


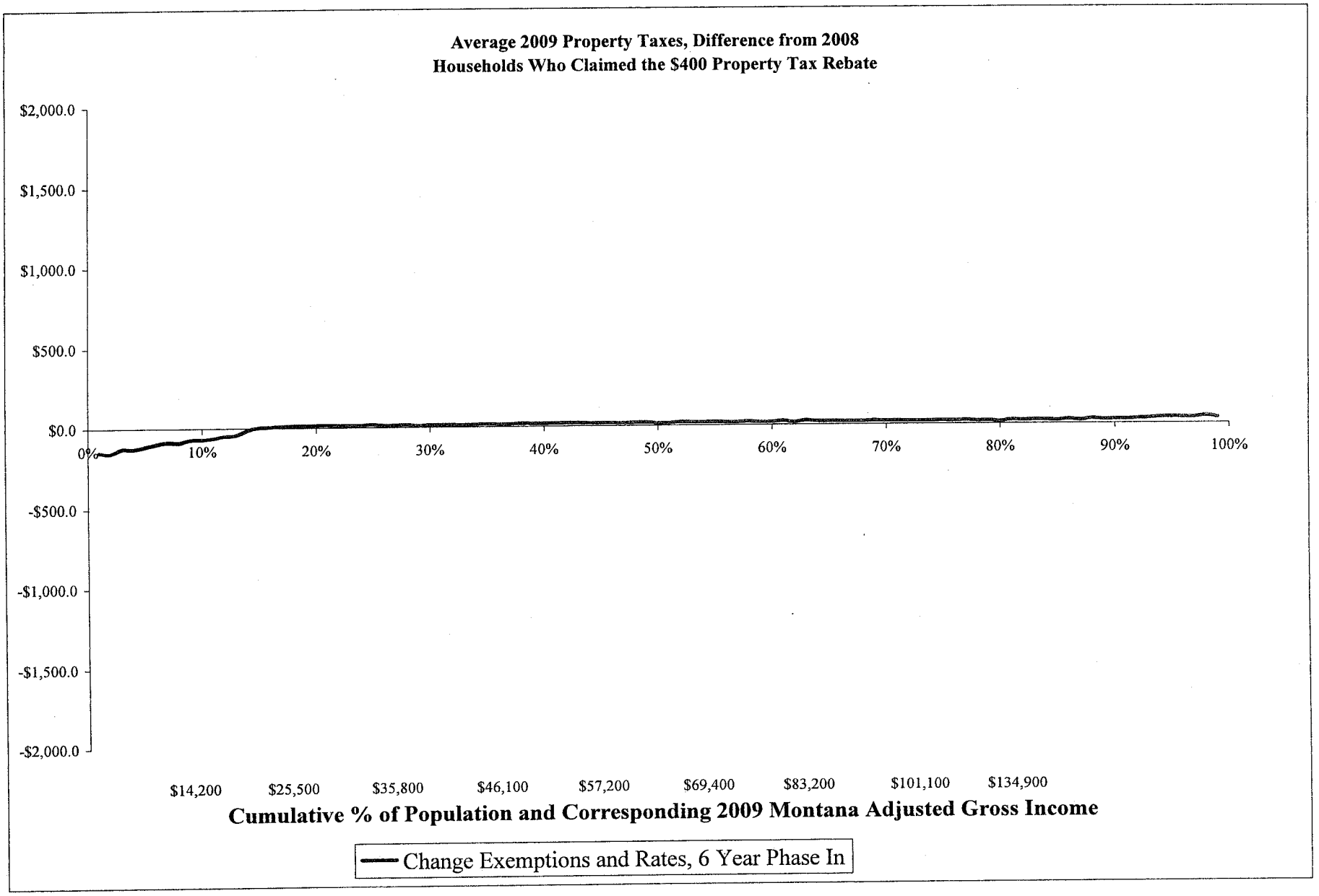


Balance Sheet of Tax Changes Caused by This Mitigation Proposal (Tax Year 2008 - Existing Properties Fully Phased In)

Transfer to Class 4 Residential	-$2,458,711
Amount in Circuit Breaker	$0
Transfer to Class 4 Commercial	$1,855,896
Transfer from All Other Classes	-$602,814
Total	**$0**

This balance sheet is calculated using the diffrence between the taxes paid in FY 2008 and the calculated amounts that existing properties will pay when fully phased in. Circuit breakers are included in the calculation, reducing the transfer to Class 4 residential property.


Average Property Taxes as a Percent of Income
Households Who Claimed the $400 Property Tax Rebate
10%
9%
8%
7%
6%
5%
4%
3%
2%
1%
0%
90% of Population
0%
10% $14,200
20% $25,500
30% $35,800
40% $46,100
50% $57,200
60% $69,400
70% $83,200
80% $101,100
90% $134,900
100%
Cumulative % of Population and Corresponding 2009 Montana Adjusted Gross Income
2008
2009, Change Exemptions and Rates, 6 Year Phase In


Average 2009 Property Taxes, Difference from 2008
Households Who Claimed the $400 Property Tax Rebate
$2,000.0
$1,500.0
$1,000.0
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-$500.0
-$1,000.0
-$1,500.0
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60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
$14,200
$25,500
$35,800
$46,100
$57,200
$69,400
$83,200
$101,100
$134,900
Cumulative % of Population and Corresponding 2009 Montana Adjusted Gross Income
Change Exemptions and Rates, 6 Year Phase In

Tax Rates, Exemptions, Phase-In Mitigation Option

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3.01%	3.01%	3.01%	0.35%	34.00%	15.00%
Proposed Mitigation					
Class 3 Agricultural Tax Rate	Class 4 Residential Tax Rate	Class 4 Commercial Tax Rate	Class 10 Forestland Tax Rate	Homestead	Comstead
2.28%	2.28%	2.28%	0.23%	**36.50%**	15.42%

Assumptions: Homestead Exemption = 36.50% Homestead in 2009
15.42% Comstead in 2009

Calculation of Tax Liability

1. Market Value = 2008 Market Value + Phase In Amount
2. Market Value x (1 - Homestead) = Taxable Market Value
3. Taxable Market Value x Tax Rate = Taxable Value
4. Taxable Value x Mills / 1000 = Tax Liability

Example of the TY 2009 Median Value Home

MV Before Reappraisal	$98,400	
MV After Reappraisal	$152,000	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Market Value	$98,400	$107,333
Homestead	34.00%	36.50%
Amount Exempt	$33,456	$39,177
Taxable Market Value	$64,944	$68,157
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$1,955	$1,554
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$1,052	$837
2009 Income (MAGI)		$65,140
Percent of Income Paid		1.29%
Credit Amount		$0

Example of a TY 2009 Average Value Home

MV Before Reappraisal	$116,900	
MV After Reappraisal	$178,920	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Market Value	$116,900	$127,237
Homestead	34.00%	36.50%
Amount Exempt	$39,746	$46,441
Taxable Market Value	$77,154	$80,795
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$2,322	$1,842
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$1,250	$993
2009 Income (MAGI)		$74,759
Percent of Income Paid		1.33%
Credit Amount		$0

Example of a TY 2009 Median Value Resort Home		
MV Before Reappraisal	$150,450	
MV After Reappraisal	$326,600	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Market Value	$150,450	$179,808
Homestead	34.00%	36.50%
Amount Exempt	$51,153	$65,630
Taxable Market Value	$99,297	$114,178
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$2,989	$2,603
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$1,609	$1,403
2009 Income (MAGI)		$59,297
Percent of Income Paid		2.37%
Credit Amount		$0

Example of a TY 2009 $500,000 Home		
MV Before Reappraisal	$300,000	
MV After Reappraisal	$500,000	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Market Value	$300,000	$333,333
Homestead	34.00%	36.50%
Amount Exempt	$102,000	$121,667
Taxable Market Value	$198,000	$211,667
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$5,960	$4,826
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$3,207	$2,601
2009 Income (MAGI)		$200,547
Percent of Income Paid		1.30%
Credit Amount		$0

Example of a TY 2009 $1,000,000 Home		
MV Before Reappraisal	$650,000	
MV After Reappraisal	$1,000,000	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Market Value	$650,000	$708,333
Homestead	34.00%	36.50%
Amount Exempt	$221,000	$258,542
Taxable Market Value	$429,000	$449,792
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$12,913	$10,255
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$6,950	$5,526
2009 Income (MAGI)		$477,527
Percent of Income Paid		1.16%
Credit Amount		$0

Example of a TY 2009 Business with $200,000 in Class 4 and $100,000 in Class 8

MV Before Reappraisal	$150,000	
MV After Reappraisal	$200,000	
MV of Class 8	$100,000	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Class 4		
Market Value	$150,000	$158,333
Homestead	15.00%	15.42%
Amount Exempt	$22,500	$24,415
Taxable Market Value	$127,500	$133,918
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$3,838	$3,053
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$2,065	$1,645
Class 8		
Market Value	$100,000	$100,000
Taxable Value	$3,000	$3,000
Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$1,615	$1,617
Total Tax Liability	$3,680	$3,262

Example of a TY 2009 Business with $400,000 in Class 4 and $100,000 in Class 8

MV Before Reappraisal	$300,000	
MV After Reappraisal	$400,000	
MV of Class 8	$100,000	
Tax Year	**2008**	**2009**
Class 4		
Market Value	$300,000	$316,667
Homestead	15.00%	15.42%
Amount Exempt	$45,000	$48,830
Taxable Market Value	$255,000	$267,837
Tax Rate	3.01%	2.28%
Taxable Value	$7,676	$6,107
Average Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$4,131	$3,291
Class 8		
Market Value	$100,000	$100,000
Taxable Value	$3,000	$3,000
Mills	538.19	538.85
Tax Liability	$1,615	$1,617
Total Tax Liability	$5,745	$4,907

Circuit Breaker
Rates, Exemption and Phase In

Existing Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit

Credit for Property Tax More Than This Percent of Income		varies, 0% to 5%
Maximum Credit		$1,000
Credit Begins to Phase-Out at This Income		$35,000
Credit is Completely Phased-Out at This Income		$45,000
	Number	Amount
Credits to Homeowners	14,514	$6,842,774
Credits to Renters	7,567	$2,967,852
Total	22,081	$9,810,626
Additional Mills to Fund Circuit Breaker		0.00