HELLO

SENATE TAXATION
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MY NAME IS PAUL BIOLO. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA SINCE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE IN 1977 (I BUILT LOG HOMES IN THE SWAN VALLEY FOR 6 YEARS). IN THAT TIME FRAME MY WIFE DEBBIE AND MY SELF HAVE RAISED 4 CHILDREN ALL OF THEM BORN IN WHITEFISH, AT THE SAME HOME THAT WE HAVE LIVED IN SINCE 1984. IT IS A HOME THAT MY FATHER IN LAW PURCHASED IN 1953 I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT ALL 4 OF OUR CHILDREN ARE EITHER EMPLOYED, OR OWN THEIR OWN BUSINESS [redacted] IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

SINCE 1984 I HAVE [redacted] WORKED IN THE CAR BUSINESS, AND SINCE 1995 MY WIFE AND I HAVE OWNED AND OPERATED MIDWAY MOTORS

AT THE SAME LOCATION IN WHITEFISH. WE ARE TRULY A "MA AND PA" ORGANIZATION AS MY WIFE AND I HANDLE ALL PHASES OF THE BUSINESS TOGETHER. WOW!!! WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 38 YEARS. ☺

THROUGHOUT THEE YEARS AND ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN I HEARD MANY POLITICIANS PROCLAIM THAT A TAX THAT TAXES EVEN ONE MONTANAN OUT OF THEIR HOME IS A TAX THAT IS WRONG. I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO PAY MY FAIR SHARE OF TAXES EITHER THRU PAYROLL TAXES WHEN I WAS EMPLOYED BY SOMEONE ELSE, OR SELF-EMPLOYED TAXES THRU OUR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY TAXES AS WE OWN OUR HOME (SINCE 1984) AND OUR BUSINESS (SINCE 1995). NEVER BEEN LATE - ALWAYS PAID ON TIME - PROUD TO DO MY FAIR SHARE AS A FULL TIME RESIDEN

OF THE STATE OF MONTANA. NOW OUR TAXES ON OUR HOME ON WHITEFISH LAKE ARE ANNUALLY AT A PRICE THAT IS GREATER THAN THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PAID [redacted] ($10,000.00) BY MY FATHER IN LAW.

AT AGE 62 THIS ANNUAL TAX RATE CHARGED IS GETTING TO BE A TAX THAT LITERALLY WILL TAX US OUT OF OUR FAMILY HOME. WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS PLIGHT. THERE ARE MANY LONG TIME RESIDENTS WHO WORKED ALL OF THEIR LIVES, AND NOW ARE EITHER STILL WORKING TO SAVE THEIR FAMILY HOMES, OR ARE IN RETIREMENT, AND IN NO WA PLANNED FOR THE ASTRONAMICAL RAISE IN PROPERTY TAXES. EVEN THEIR SIBLINGS WHO HAVE HELD DOWN EXTREMELY LONG TERM JOBS, W ABOVE AVERAGE LOCAL PAY, IN NO

WAY CAN AFFORD THE ANNUAC TAX

IN THE PAST WHEN WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE OUR PLEA TO NOT TAX MONTANANS OUT OF OUR HOMES A COMMON RESPONSE WE HAVE HEARD IS "WHY DON'T YOU JUST SELL YOUR HOME" WELL, I WOULD RESPOND THIS WAY — GO TELL A FARMER/RANCHER FROM ANY SPOT IN MONTANA TO JUST "SELL AN MOVE ON" FROM LONG STANDING FAMILY LAND AND HOMES AND SEE WHAT TYPE OF RESPONSE YOU GET. YES BECAUSE OF OUR LOCATION ON WHITEFISH LAKE THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WE COULD HAVE "CASHED IN" LIKE OTHERS CHOOSE TO. INSTEAD LIKE MANY MONTANANS DO, WE CHOOSE TO KEEP AND PRESERVE OUR HOMES ON WHITEFISH LAKE IN TRUE MONTANA STYLE. HECK-ANY TIME YOU WOULD LIKE COME FOR A VISIT TO THE HOMES

AND BACK YARDS I SPEAK OF AND I'M SURE YOU WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM IDENTIFYING YOUR ARK IN MONTANA. IN SEVERAL CASES IT MAY FEEL LIKE MONTANA 20, 30, OR 40 YEARS AGO, BUT YOU WILL KNOW YOUR IN MONTANA. MANY OF US HAVE CHILDREN WHO WOULD LOVE TO MOVE IN NO OCCUPY OUR HOMES AND PRESERVE THE MONTANA LEGACY OF THEIR FAMILY LEGACY BUT SIMPLY CANNOT BECAUSE OF THE TAX BURDEN.

I AM NOT BLIND OR STUPID, I REALIZE THAT THE FACT THAT WHERE OUR HOMES ARE LOCATED HAS ATTRACKED MANY OUT OF STATE WEALTHY, TEMPORARY RESIDENTS WHO ALSO DESIRE TO LIVE IN THE SAME PLACE AS US FULL TIME MONTANA RESIDENTS. THAT TO IS ALL WELL AND GOOD SINCE ITS HELPS

OUR LOCAL ECONOMY THRIVE, BECAUSE IN MANY CASES THEY NOT ONLY SPEND A LOT OF MONEY WHILE THEY ARE HERE, BUT THEY ALSO EMPLOY MANY LOCAL CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE TO BUILD THEIR "TROPHY HOMES". I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THEIR ARE MANY WAYS TO DISTINGUISH WHICH RESIDENTS ARE FULL TIME (YEAR AROUND) RESIDENTS, AND WHICH RESIDENTS OCCUPY THEIR HOMES ONLY OCASSIONALLY DURING THE YEAR.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY LETTER. I DONT WANT TO LOSE OUR MONTANA FAMILY HOME ON WHITEFISH LAKE. I AM VERY MUCH AVAILIBLE TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AND COME AND TALK TO OR APPEAR IN FRONT ANY COMMITEES YOU FEEL MAY HELP.

SINCERELY;

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