Revenue Committee,

It only take 5 minutes of digging into the property tax system to understand first and foremost it is complicated. However that should not stop us from digging and providing some answers to all of constituents that have watched their property tax bill substantially increase each year. While counties do shoulder much of the responsibility in suppressing or growing property tax the state still can provide solutions. One solution is CI-121. This cap of the growth in residential will provide stability to the homeowners. For me stability for homeowners and Montana families takes precedent over stability for ever growing governments. I have heard opposition that this would cause a shift in tax burden and not provide relief. Maybe this is true but one part of the formula that is left out of that opposition is that it would put pressure on governments to reduce size and scope and prioritize the valuable services. One thing is for sure, CI-121 would bring governments budget growth further into the sunlight, right where it needs to be.

It looks like a fun agenda for you and I am looking forward to listening to the conversation.

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