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Public Comments for the Revenue Interim Committee

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CI-121

Comment:

I am commenting on CI-121, and want to urge this committee to support it as written. My name is Richard Thieltges. I am from Helena, I am retired, and I live on Social Security. My property taxes went up 48% this year. I purchased my home in 1989 for \$105,000 This year my property is valued at \$347,400. The previous year it was valued at \$279,400. Currently, home valuation can go up by an unlimited amount every two years. I think a home in my neighborhood is probably going for around \$500,000 today. I know a number of homes are going for that in my area. I have a small amount of savings, and all the huge increase in my property taxes has to come from my savings. When my savings will inevitably be depleted, I do not know what will happen. I could very well become homeless. There are many thousands of people like me in Montana. CI-121 has it just right. Other real estate such as commercial and agricultural come with a revenue stream with which to pay their property taxes. They are the basis of a business. Residential real estate is completely different. We have purchased our homes many years ago, and now are retired. We have no way to pay these outrageous taxes. Support CI-121 and STOP SPENDING MONEY.

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