

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee Members

Consider my recommendation of DO PASS for HB1534

My name is Mike Connelly. I am a Bismarck citizen and holds a local elected position. I am speaking from my own perspective and not in any official capacity for an entity or organization.

For a couple of decades, if not more, a common theme among fellow citizens that I have spoken with all want tax expectation reform and this bill is a step in the right direction. I think it is only fitting that the added check and balance of a voter of the people is a good thing and the scale and scope of the suggested cap trips when that may or may not be a consideration. This change will hold us all more accountable.

Side note, I grew up in a small town where school bond after bond was proposed and voted down and yet every year students still graduated high school, and the majority moved onto good jobs and a good life for three decades. By instituting caps, it is my belief we will still figure out a way to get things done and meet the needs of our local jurisdictions.

Thank you all for serving and for the consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Mike Connelly