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HB # 1192 (1/21/2021 Hearing – 10:00 A.M.)

Dear Chair Dockter and Honorable Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:

I am respectfully requesting you to support a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1192 relating to limitations on the true and full valuation of property for tax purposes and limitations on property tax levied by taxing districts without voter approval.

Property tax bills limiting the ability of local political subdivisions have a direct impact on local services. HB #1192 restricts the ability of local governments to operate efficiently with true and full valuation of property along with property taxes being “froze” with limited restrictions unless an increase is approved by the majority of the qualified electors of the taxing district. Restricting both valuations and mill levies severely impacts political subdivisions. Again, I am asking that your trust the people we elect at the local levels of government that they do not place any unnecessary tax burdens on the citizens.

Assuming the time frame involved as proposed in HB #1192, cities would likely need to hold a special election each year when an increase is needed to meet budget expenditures. This is an added cost to the taxpayer, and likely result in political subdivisions having to cut services as the likelihood of any type of tax increase passing in an election is very minimal.

This bill is similar to HB #1200 placing restrictions on local governments. Please do not place this unnecessary burden on local governments, your support for a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1192 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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