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Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Senate Bill 2270

Madam Chair Senator Bell and Committee, my name is David Clemens, Senator from District 16 in West Fargo and Fargo. I am here to introduce Senate Bill 2270 that addresses the property tax on a primary residence for those age 65 and older.

Much has been said over the years, of the struggles some have as they reach older age, are living on a fixed income and property taxes continue to rise. It is very common for property taxes on a residence to be \$300-\$400 per month. This can be very threatening to an elderly homeowner, not knowing if they will be able to keep their home, even though it is paid for.

Senate Bill 2270 allows the 65 and older homeowner to file an irrecoverable claim that reduces by 70% the true and full valuation of a primary residence owned and occupied by the individual if they have resided in the residence at least 2 years and is not delinquent on property taxes. The county directors of tax equalization shall make these forms available upon request.

I would appreciate your support for SB2270.

Any questions.