

Mr. Chair and Members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee

My name is Connie Samuelson and I support House Current Resolution #3024.

The North Dakota property taxation is a constant and unjust burden to the Citizens of North Dakota. It is unfair to threaten a homeowner with the possibility of losing their home because they are financially unable to pay the increasing rate of taxes on a home they are currently purchasing or have bought and paid for years prior.

Over many Legislative sessions, the residents of ND have been constantly disappointed with the numerous poorly drafted initiatives and missed opportunities to correct the levy on our property taxes. This year alone, they have rejected 8 proposed bills to reduce or eliminate this burden. If the ND Legislative Branches cannot listen to the concerns and rectify the problems linked to burden of property taxes, it is only fair the people of North Dakota, have the opportunity to vote on this issue. In spite of the constant overspending by our state body, North Dakota is a lone state in have a surplus, skimmed through 2 recessions and has an \$8 Billion dollar Legacy Fund.

In closing, if the Governor of ND can propose a near \$2 Billion budget increase, there is obviously money to spare that can go to support budgets for Cities and Counties in North Dakota.

Respectfully,
Connie Samuelson
Minot

residents