

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

My name is Scott Samuelson and I am in support of House Concurrent Resolution #3024

The Citizens of ND have been asking the ND Legislature to fix our unfair Property Tax System for many years. After numerus attempts to reduce this tax burden, property taxes continue to go higher. These attempts have not lowered our property tax burden but create an incentive for local taxing entities to increase it. The only way to fix this unfair system is to eliminate Property Taxes in ND and replace them with other funding sources. As we all know, the State of North Dakota is flushed with cash. Our Governor has proposed a nearly 1.55-billion-dollar budget increase. This increase would be 75% of the needed amount to replace Property Taxes. Our State has record spending, as well as record surpluses. It is time for the Legislature to give the citizens of ND a chance to fix our Property Tax System by allowing us a vote.

Respectfully,

Scott Samuelson

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