

HB 1176

House Finance and Taxation

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Chairman Headland and Committee Members, I urge a Do Not Pass on HB 1176. I oppose this bill because it is immoral and unconstitutional to tax private property. Property taxes are a burden to many property owners in North Dakota. The first thing that the Legislature should do is FULLY FUND all public schools according to the North Dakota Constitution. Then the Legislature should abolish all property taxes, as a state we are in a unique position to abolish all property taxes, North Dakota has the money to do this. This is also a violation of Article X, Section 2 of the North Dakota Constitution. The legislative assembly shall be prohibited from raising revenue to defray the expenses of the state through the levying of a tax on the assessed value of real or personal property. There are also other Constitutional arguments against the bill, Separation of Powers concerns, Limitation of Local Control over Property taxation and other concerns. I STRONGLY urge a Do Not Pass on HB 1176. PS, Remember the Stamp Act of 1765 and the Boston Tea Party of 1773.

Thank You, Gordon Greenstein

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