Lanny Kenner District 7

Chairman Weber and committee members,

I am requesting a DO NOT pass on HB 1176 in it's present form.

This bill would have to be renewed over and over again.

With this bill people "down on their luck" could lose their home even if it was paid off.

This bill would still have valuations for determining how much taxes to charge.

This bill would only cover primary residences.

This bill would be taking away local control by placing caps on local taxing. Caps should be placed on State spending instead! Measure 4 would not have taken away local control but this bill would! I find it hard to believe so many groups are for this bill when losing local control was one of the main reasons against M4 even though it was a lie!

Actually measure 4 would have taken care of all the problems I just mentioned.

The original version of HB 1168 would be a much better bill than HB 1176. At least 1168 would have gone by what the ND Constitution says by paying All of K through 12.

So in it's present form, HB 1176 is not nearly as good as it could be.

I know you all have a tough job and I hope you can put all the pieces together to make a worthwhile bill but please do not pass HB 1176 in it's present form. We do not want to have to do another initiative measure.

Thank you, Lanny Kenner