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HB # 1200 (1/19/2021 Hearing – 9:00 A.M.)

Dear Chair Headland and Honorable Members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee:

I am respectfully requesting you to support a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1200 relating to limitations on property tax levied by taxing districts without voter approval.

House Bill #1200 restricts the ability of local governments to operate efficiently by limiting a tax increase by no more than two percent, with exceptions as presented in the proposed bill. Maximum levy limitations are imposed pursuant to State Law; I am asking that your trust the people we elect at the local levels of government that they do not place any unnecessary tax burdens on the citizens.

Stanley City levies 39.70 mills for their General Fund bringing in approximately \$600,000. The maximum levy can be at 105 mills for the General Fund. Assuming there are cities that already levy 105 mills or close to, this would restrict the ability for those cities that have been conservative and are not near the maximum levy. A 2% increase would only allow Stanley City to increase \$12,000 in their General Fund based on the same taxable valuation.

Please do not place this unnecessary burden on local governments, your support for a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1200 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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