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HB # 1325 (1/19/2021 Hearing – 9:30 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 #1325 relating to optional residential property tax freeze for owners who are age 65 or older.

House Bill #1325 is not a fair taxation method. By allowing a residential property tax freeze for owners who are age 65 or older only shifts the tax burden to those less than 65 years of age. The State of ND already allows for property tax credits for senior citizens and disabled persons and veterans that meet qualifications. This proposed property tax freeze would distort the overall valuation within a city especially those cities that have a large elderly population.

Please do not place this unnecessary burden on a select group of taxpayers, your support for a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bills #1325 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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