

HB 1325 – Testimony by Dustin Gawrylow (Lobbyist #266) North Dakota Watchdog Network

Property tax burden is a perpetual argument. Especially when it comes to older residents, many of whom rely on fixed income.

Concerns: The word “optional” raises the question of who is exercising the option. The homeowner, or the county? Some state do this county by county. It is our view this should be a statewide program.

Income Indexing: If indexing this exemption to income would increase the chance of passage, we would support that assuming the income level was high enough to still benefit the people it intends to benefit.

Otherwise, we support the concept of exempting senior citizens from burdensome property tax increases, and hope this committee can do the same for others regardless of age.