



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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I Support this Bill and Asking Missouri Voters if we want to limit the County Assessor in raising the Assessment of Real Property by NO more than two (2) Percent Per Year. Tax Assessments went up 28% for Real Estate and 31% for Personal Property in 2022. I would like to Amend the Bill by keeping in place the Sale of all Property and Posting on the County Assessor's Website. This is Transparency and Keeps the County Elected Assessor Honest and Ethical.



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The largest single expense is property tax. since I built my house the taxes have increase 4 fold. I would be ok with that if my house increased the same. Your driving me out of my home, I have to save all year to [pay the taxes. My income is Social Security, Why must I pay to educate other people children? It is an unfair burden on Seniors/.



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WITNESS NAME: MONTY MARIE WATRS		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please look at these rates that are forcing elderly to leave their homes that they have put their heart and soles into and hold so many memories of loved ones here and past. Having to decide where to cut and still have balanced meals and medications. My neighbor cried last night that she knows she will be taken off Medicaid and how is she supposed to pay with increased cost of everything and utilities cost of heating her home even though we have all shut down to not heating all areas leaving one bedroom the kitchen bathroom and living room. Please consider this we have no where else to turn when the Assesment office for Jackson county is called their response is move if you can't pay your taxes or my favorite is it's for the children. The Lees Summit school system is one of the most wasteful places I have ever seen if a business functioned like them they would close their doors in a year but they just slap another tax increase on not caring what this does to the people struggling to stay above water. The results are not meeting expectations I asked a neighbor kid that I tutor for no money when his birthday was he said "it's after school his out and before we go back". I was floored this kid has no IEP he advances every year just needs help in math but he doesn't know his birthday date. Please look at this and give it your consideration you would be saving a lot of people less worried and heart ache.
 Sincerely Monty Watrs



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Rising property taxes are affecting us due to inflation and healthcare. We bought our home decades earlier, and are now paying taxes on a home worth 2X what we paid for it. We used to pay \$1,707.21 or less & in 2022 paid \$2,649. We love our community & location and would like to stay in our home.