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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.



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I cannot retire because the annual rise of property taxes makes it impossible. I really don't know how I can afford to retire on a fixed income. Please help.



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My name is Monty Watts and I thank you for this opportunity to speak about this matter. I have been a RN in the state of Missouri for 29 years I have worked the floor and taught. I have had to retire because of health reasons and have had a rude awakening. I have lived in my home for 31 years and have raised my children and now helping with grandchildren and great grandchildren. I have faithfully paid my taxes since starting to work at 15 years of age so 53 years. Jackson county has raised taxes so high I am looking at having to move out if my home as are both elderly neighbors beside me. We do not live in mansions only simple homes we have invested our money and lives in. Our family has a million memories here or loved ones that have used this home for shelter and care some of them no longer with us. The neighbor on my left is 92 recently lost her husband and showed me her tax bill and cried I can't do this if I don't pay they will sell my home on the court house steps. She lives in a double wide trailer. It is sad but when I see or read about new buildings being built for the school system or new programs asking for and usually voting in I get sick. Do they ever think about the people that have to do without just to be able to stay in their homes. I called Frank Whites office and was told by one of his staff "well if you can't pay your taxes move". Please take in consideration what these times have done to the elderly people's retirement savings draining it at a fast pace. Please vote for these changes any help would be appreciated. Monty Watts



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I am Opposed to this Bill. It will allow Counties to choose and NOT State-Wide. This picks Winners and losers.