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I support any legislation that will reduce property taxes for all citizens.



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I am Opposed to this Bill at this time as the Bill has many concerns and Red-Flags. This Bill NEEDS some work.



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I have served as the Howell County Assessor since 1990 and this legislation is another attempt to fix a problem that is not rooted only in the assessment process. This appears to be another attempt to reduce tax liability by manipulating the assessment process but this will only cause more issues by significantly reducing revenues across all local governments, especially those that do not have any sales tax revenue, mostly fire and ambulance districts, townships and library districts. This change will cause a loss of \$1,088,664 in revenue for these political subdivisions in the very first year! Add the schools in and this amount grows to \$5,292,950! Please explain how this is good tax policy as there is no mention of replacement of the lost revenue. For the emergency service agencies it will mean a reduction of services to people of my county and this bill now becomes a public safety issue. Missouri does not have a large assessment problem...we have a extremely large levy setting problem that needs addressing. Schools not being required to roll back levies in a reassessment year have caused this problem we currently have and this trend started in 1986 and has reached epic concern with the escalation of property values and allowing schools to receive a windfall in tax revenue. Property tax policy must have restrictions on levies but we have allowed one political subdivision to manipulate the statutes over the last 40 years.