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THE WALTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC
'THE EYES AND EARS FOR WALTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS'

AMENDMENT 1 PASSES WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

FROM THE FLORIDA DEPT. OF REVENUE

CITIZENS VOTED JANUARY 29TH TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM IN FLORIDA. TO RECEIVE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF THE CHANGES ENACTED JANUARY 29TH, CERTAIN CITIZENS MUST TAKE ACTION BY MARCH 1, 2008.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CREATED FOUR NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAXPAYERS TO OBTAIN TAX RELIEF:

1. INCREASED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
2. PORTABILITY OF "SAVE OUR HOMES" BENEFIT
3. \$25,000 EXEMPTION FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY
4. 10% ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LIMITATION FOR NON-HOMESTEADED PROPERTY.

WHAT TAXPAYERS MUST DO TO RECEIVE THESE NEW BENEFITS:

1. INCREASED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

*No Action
Necessary*

- HOMEOWNERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE INCREASED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

2. PORTABILITY OF "SAVE OUR HOMES" BENEFIT

*Act by
March 1, 2008*

- IF YOU RECEIVED THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN 2007 ON A HOME THAT YOU SOLD OR OTHERWISE ABANDONED DURING 2007 AND HAVE PURCHASED A NEW HOME BY JANUARY 1, 2008, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE SOME OR ALL OF THE BENEFIT OF "SAVE OUR HOMES" TO YOUR NEW HOME.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS BENEFIT, **YOU MUST APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2008 TO THE WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER** FOR YOUR NEW HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE "SAVE OUR HOMES" BENEFIT TO YOUR NEW HOMESTEAD FOR 2008

3. \$25,000 EXEMPTION FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

*Act by
April 1, 2008*

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES APPLY ONLY TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS IN FLORIDA - TYPICALLY BUSINESSES AND CERTAIN OWNERS OF MOBILE HOMES AND SOME RENTAL PROPERTY. THE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO HOMESTEADED PROPERTY. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE \$25,000 EXEMPTION FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE TAX **MUST FILE A TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURN WITH THEIR PROPERTY APPRAISER BY APRIL 1, 2008.**

4. 10% ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LIMITATION FOR NON-HOMESTEADED PROPERTY

*No Action
Necessary*

THE 10% LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY UNTIL NEXT YEAR. - **NO ACTION IS NECESSARY**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ACTION YOU MUST TAKE TO RECEIVE THESE NEW BENEFITS, PLEASE CONTACT THE WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISERS OFFICE AT (850)-267-4500 OR (850) 892-8123.

GEORGIA CITY SHOWS FLORIDA HOW TO CUT COSTS

(EXCERPTS FROM THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, JUNE 2007)

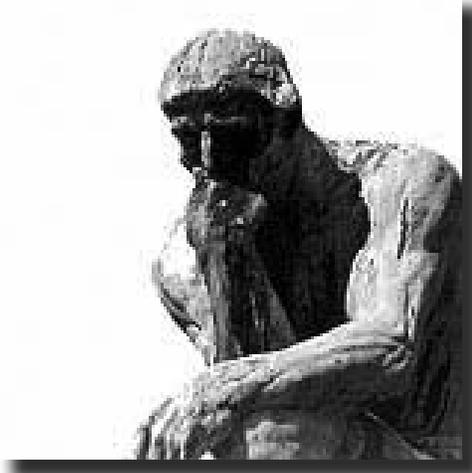
ARTICLE BY GEOFFREY F. SEGAL, ADJUNCT SCHOLAR OF THE JAMES MADISON INSTITUTE)

IN SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, A TOWN OF 80,000 RESIDENTS, EVERY GOVERNMENT FUNCTION HAS BEEN CONTRACTED OUT EXCEPT FOR POLICE AND FIRE. IN ITS TWO YEARS UNDER PRIVATE MANAGEMENT, SANDY SPRINGS HASN'T NEEDED A TAX HIKE OR FEE INCREASE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE, AND SERVICE QUALITY HAS IMPROVED ALONG WITH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION.

THE MODEL HAS WORKED SO WELL THAT TWO OTHER ATLANTA AREA COMMUNITIES ADOPTED IT LAST YEAR, WITH SEVERAL OTHERS

CONSIDERING A SIMILAR APPROACH.

TO USE THIS EXAMPLE, EVERY TRADITIONAL SERVICE OR FUNCTION MUST PROVE THAT IT IS A PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT. THEN, THEY MUST APPLY THE TEST, "IF WE WEREN'T



DOING THIS YESTERDAY, WOULD WE DO IT TODAY?". SOME SERVICES MAY BE DISCONTINUED RATHER THAN

CONTRACTED OUT.

IN SANDY SPRINGS, SOME SERVICES ARE NO LONGER PROVIDED BECAUSE THEY HAVE OUTGROWN THEIR PURPOSE, ARE NO LONGER EFFECTIVE, OR ARE OUTSIDE THE PROPER SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT.

SERVICES THAT ARE CONTRACTED OUT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN, IN TURN, BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY. NOT ALL SERVICES OR DEPARTMENTS NEED BE OUTSOURCED.

FOR MANY YEARS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE GENERALLY TENDED TO SPEND MORE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE WITH LITTLE REAL CONSIDERATION OF HOW SUSTAINABLE THAT SPENDING TREND WOULD BE OVER THE LONG TERM.

BY BREAKING THE MOLD, ENCOURAGING INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY, FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS COULD BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE. RETHINKING HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OPERATE CAN BE KEY TO PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

IN OUR NEXT



THE WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALMOST FIVE YEARS AGO THE VOTERS OF WALTON COUNTY WERE ASKED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD TO

AUTHORIZE THEM TO TRANSFER .5 MILLS FROM THE ANNUAL CAPITAL REVENUE TO THEIR DIRECT CONTROL TO UTILIZE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE STUDENT CURRICULUM, IMPROVE TEACHER PAY, AND TO INCREASE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM.

THAT AUTHORIZATION WAS FOR A FOUR YEAR PERIOD AND IN 2007 VOTERS WERE ASKED TO RENEW THAT TRANSFER FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS. A SPECIAL ELECTION WAS HELD ON MAY 15TH, 2007 AND LESS THAN 2,000 OF WALTON COUNTIES REGISTERED VOTERS CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS. THE VOTERS THAT PARTICIPATED CHOSE TO RENEW THE TRANSFER BY A MARGIN OF 1685 - YES VOTES TO 307 AGAINST.

OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL REVEAL HOW MUCH MONEY WAS TRANSFERRED AND HOW THOSE ADDITIONAL REVENUE WERE UTILIZED.

ARE WE SEEING A POSITIVE RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDRENS EDUCATION?

HAVE TEST SCORES IMPROVED ?

HOW DO WE COMPARE TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES IN MEASURABLE EDUCATION INDICATORS ?

HAVE GRADUATION RATES IMPROVED?

HAVE WE STEMMED THE TIDE ON DISAPPOINTING "DROP-OUT" RATES.

THE WCTA EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK PREPARING OUR EVALUATION OF THE AVAILABLE DATA TO ANSWER THESE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

"ARE WE GETTING VALUE FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS"

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"WHAT'S NEXT IN REFORM"

OUR JANUARY 24TH MEETING ON AMENDMENT ONE DREW A CROWD IN SPITE OF THE WRONG DATE IN THE NEWSPAPER, COLD AND BLUSTERY WEATHER, AND COMPETING FOR PARKING AT SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL WITH TWO BASKETBALL GAMES AND A STUDENT TALENT SHOW AT THE SAME TIME. PRINCIPAL MARK EWING SET UP THE CAFETERIA PERFECTLY FOR OUR PRESENTATION AND FOR OUR PANEL TO ANSWER AUDIENCE QUESTIONS.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION AT OUR MEETING WAS THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY WCTA TREASURER AND WEBMASTER BOB HUDSON. HE AND PROPERTY APPRAISER PATRICK PILCHER WORKED LONG AND HARD TO GATHER ACCURATE AND FACTUAL DATA. YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF SEEING SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY 64% STATEWIDE AND BY ALMOST 69% IN WALTON COUNTY. THERE ARE 33,049 REGISTERED VOTERS IN OUR COUNTY. A TOTAL OF 12,883 VOTED ON AMENDMENT ONE, MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST COUNTY-WIDE FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR – PROPERTY TAXES ARE A SERIOUS

CONCERN FOR FLORIDA PROPERTY OWNERS, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION.

AMENDMENT ONE IS A SMALL VICTORY IN THE BATTLE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BUT IT TAKES ONE BATTLE AT A TIME TO WIN THE WAR. IT IS THE TAX CUT THAT IS AVAILABLE NOW AND IT HELPS SET THE GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE ACTIONS.

AS MORE IS DONE IN THE AREA OF TAX POLICY, WE CAN EXPECT ANOTHER GLUT OF PRO-



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PAGANDA AND SCARE TACTICS. OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT ONE PROCLAIMED DEVASTATING CUTS TO GOVERNMENT BUDGETS WHICH WOULD GUT CRITICAL CITIZEN SERVICES, NAMELY SAFETY, HEALTH AND EDUCATION.

STATISTICS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE FACT THAT FLORIDA PROPERTY TAXES FROM 2001-06 WENT UP 80%.

WALTON COUNTY WAS VALUED AT OVER \$17 BILLION IN 2007. IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY TO THREATEN THE LOSS

OF JOBS FOR FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SCHOOL TEACHERS AS A REASON FOR NOT SUPPORTING TAX CUTS. IN THE MIDST OF AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT GOVERNMENT TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE ON LESS WITHOUT CUTTING CORE PUBLIC SERVICES.

THERE IS OBSCENE WASTEFUL SPENDING AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. WE EXPECT OUR GOVERNMENT TO DO NO LESS THAN WE DO IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES WHEN MONEY IS TIGHT - CUT THE FRILLS AND FOCUS ON NECESSITIES. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO EXERCISE FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN SPENDING OUR MONEY OR THEY WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED.

AS WE SEARCH FOR IDEAS TO GROW FLORIDA'S ECONOMY AND SUSTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, WE LOOK TO THE FLORIDA TAX AND BUDGET REFORM COMMISSION WHICH WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS BY MAY 4, 2008. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 35 PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS OR NEW SECTIONS TO OUR STATE CONSTITUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

BONNIE MCQUISTON
WCTA PRESIDENT



OLD SAVE OUR HOMES AMENDMENT FOR A HOME WITH \$ 75,000 TAXABLE VALUE

\$ 50,000 WAS TAXABLE

FIRST \$ 25,000 WAS NOT TAXED



WHAT YOU PAY IS DETERMINED BY WHERE YOUR HOME IS LOCATED - COMPARISONS BY TAXING AREA

Location of Property	Tax Non-Homesteaded	Tax Homesteaded	Tax Savings of Old Save Our Home
South Walton Fire	612.20	408.13	\$204.07
County	563.97	375.98	\$187.99
City of Freeport	858.72	572.48	\$286.24
City of DeFuniak Spgs	895.86	597.24	\$298.62

AMENDMENT 1 SUMMARY

1. INCREASED THE HOMESTEAD TO \$ 50,000 FOR ALL TAXING AUTHORITIES EXCEPT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
2. INTRODUCED A NEW "HOMESTEAD PORTABILITY" FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO PURCHASED A NEW HOME DURING 2007 AND AFTER. A HOMEOWNER CAN MOVE THEIR BUILT UP HOMESTEAD BENEFIT (UP TO \$ 500,000) WHEN PURCHASING A NEW HOME
3. INTRODUCED A NEW "NON-HOMESTEAD" ANNUAL CAP ON TAXABLE VALUE OF 10 %
4. INTRODUCED A \$ 25,000 EXEMPTION ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY - (TPP IS ONLY PAID BY BUSINESSES AND RENTAL UNIT OWNERS)

NEW SAVE OUR HOMES + AMENDMENT 1 FOR A HOME WITH \$ 75,000 TAXABLE VALUE

NOTE:

ALL ESTIMATES ON SAVINGS ARE CALCULATED FOR EACH TAXING AUTHORITY IN WALTON COUNTY AND ASSUME THAT NEXT YEARS AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS THE CURRENT YEAR. SAVINGS AND THE IMPACT ON LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES ARE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OR COST THAT EACH WILL REALIZE IN THE FIRST YEAR.

3RD \$ 25,000 WILL NOT BE NOT TAXED

2ND \$ 25,000 WILL BE TAXABLE

FIRST \$ 25,000 WILL NOT BE NOT TAXED



WHAT YOU PAY IS DETERMINED BY WHERE YOUR HOME IS LOCATED - COMPARISONS BY TAXING AREA

Location of Property	Savings under Amendment 1
South Walton Fire	\$102.53 - \$12.35 = \$ 90.18
County	\$97.71 - \$11.28 = \$ 86.43
City of Freeport	\$195.96 - \$17.17 = \$ 178.79
City of DeFuniak Spgs	\$208.34 - \$17.92 = \$190.42

IMPACT ON TAX BILL FOR A HOME WITH GREATER THAN A \$75,000 TAXABLE VALUE

ANNUALLY A HOMESTEAD PARCELS TAXABLE VALUE IS ADJUSTED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OR 3% WHICHEVER IS LOWER.

THE 2007 CPI HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED AND IS 4.1%. THEREFORE ALL HOMESTEAD TAXABLE VALUES WHERE MARKET VALUE EXCEEDS THEIR ASSESSED VALUE WILL RISE BY 3% NEXT YEAR.

THE WALTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION PRIDES ITSELF ON PRESENTING ACCURATE VERIFIABLE STATISTICS. A PARCEL THAT HAS DECLINED IN MARKET OR JUST VALUE IS INCREASED (IT DOES NOT DECREASE UNTIL JUST/MARKET AND TAXABLE VALUES ARE EQUAL) BY THIS SAME ADJUSTMENT EVEN THOUGH THE MARKET VALUE DROPPED.

ALL VALUE OVER
\$75,000
IS TAXABLE

\$25,000
NON-TAXABLE

2ND
\$25,000
WILL BE TAXABLE

\$25,000
NON-TAXABLE



NO TAX SAVINGS ON A HOME WITH A TAXABLE VALUE OVER \$75,000

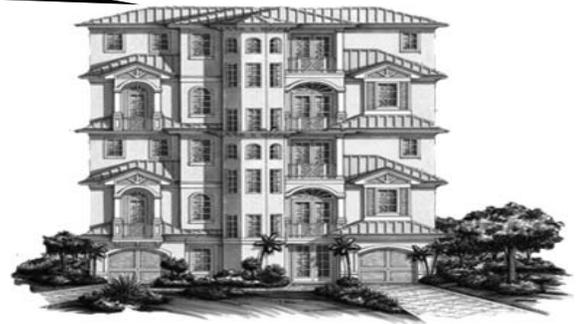
NOW THAT AMENDMENT 1 HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA WHO BENEFITS ?

	Non-Homestead	Homestead	Business/ Rental Owners
Increased Homestead Exemption	No	Yes	No
Portability	No	Yes	No
Non-Homestead Cap	Yes	Yes	Yes
TP \$25000 Exemption	Yes	No	Yes

AMENDMENT 1 PORTABILITY HOW IT WORKS

**Saving of
\$1647
Per year**

Upsize Home
Just Value - \$600,000
SOH Benefit - \$200,000
Assessed Value - \$400,000
Taxes with portability \$3,294



Existing Home
Just Value - \$400,000
SOH Benefit - \$200,000
Assessed Value - \$200,000
Tax Bill \$1,647



Homestead Portability



**Saving of
\$823
Per year**

Downsize Home
Just Value - \$200,000
SOH Benefit - \$100,000
Assessed Value - \$100,000
Taxes with portability \$823

1. Allows homeowners to transfer their existing Save Our Homes benefit to a new homestead (up to \$500,000). If the new homestead is more valuable than the old homestead, a taxpayer can transfer the entire old CAP dollar amount (up to \$500,000 CAP transfer). If the taxpayers downsize, the proportionate amount of benefit will transfer to the new homestead.
2. Homesteaders who sold their homestead during 2007 and apply for a homestead can transfer their old CAP to the new residence.
3. Homesteads sold prior to 2007 do not qualify
4. Beginning in 2007, property owners who sell their homestead have up to 2 years to transfer the CAP to a new homestead.
5. The portability provision would be applied to all levies for the 2008 tax roll.

REVENUE IMPACT OF AMENDMENT 1 ON TAXING AUTHORITIES IN WALTON COUNTY

Taxing Authority	Additional Exemption Maximum	Non-Homestead 10% CAP	TPP Maximum Impact	Portability Impact	First Year Revenue Impact
Walton County BCC	\$607,173	\$0.00	\$1,221,765	???	\$1,828,938
South Walton Fire District	\$84,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	???	\$84,000
City of Freeport	\$10,316	\$0.00	\$14,881	???	\$25,197
City of DeFuniak Springs	\$57,306	\$0.00	\$42,260	???	\$99,566
South Walton Mosquito	\$5,712	\$0.00	\$12,512	???	\$18,224
Walton County School District (Local effort)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530,168	???	\$530,168

viewpoint.

WHO REALLY OWNS YOUR PROPERTY?

EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENTS MADE TO THE FLORIDA TAXATION AND BUDGET REFORM COMMISSION IN ORLANDO ON OCTOBER 3, 2007.



KABE WOODS

PRESIDENT
OKALOOSA CITIZENS ALLIANCE INC.

PRESIDENT & CO-OWNER
KLW PROPERTIES LLC

DURING MY RESEARCH FOR THIS STATEMENT I CAME ACROSS THE FOLLOWING FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY THOMAS JEFFERSON TO JAMES MADISON IN 1784:

"IT WOULD BE BETTER YET TO LEVY [TAXES] ONLY ON THE SURPLUS OF THE FARMERS PRODUCE ABOVE HIS OWN WANTS. IT WOULD BE BETTER, TOO, TO LEVY

IT, NOT IN HIS HANDS, BUT IN THOSE OF THE PURCHASER....."

MR. JEFFERSON SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE BEST WAY TO COLLECT REVENUE FOR GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS IS THROUGH A CONSUMPTION TYPE TAX AND ONLY ON SURPLUS IN EXCESS OF NEED.

IT HAS BEEN MY BELIEF FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE AWAY YOUR HOMESTEAD FOR NOT PAYING THE AD-VALOREM PROPERTY TAX, THEN THE GOVERNMENT OWNS YOUR HOME. I BELIEVE THIS IS WRONG, AND AN INFRINGEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS UPON WHICH OUR GREAT COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. I ALSO BELIEVE THERE IS AN EXCELLENT ALTERNATIVE REVENUE COLLECTION METHOD.

TODAY, THE STATE OF FLORIDA GENERATES 74% OF IT'S' REVENUE THROUGH A COMBINATION OF GENERAL AND SELECTIVE SALES TAXES. THIS SYSTEM OF TAX COLLECTION IS WORKING WELL FOR OUR STATE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU MOVE FORWARD IN A THOUGHTFUL AND MEASURED WAY, TOWARD ALL TAXES BEING COLLECTED ON A CONSUMPTION BASIS. MANY WILL ARGUE THAT THIS IS A "REGRESSIVE" TAX, BUT IT WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE, IF YOU STRUCTURE IT CAREFULLY.

WE BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW, CITIZENS ARE CLEARLY DISTRUSTFUL OF POLITICIANS RECOMMENDING DRAMATIC CHANGES IN TAX AND SPEND PROCESSES; WE SUGGEST THAT YOU START BY MOVING THE "REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT" PORTION OF THE SCHOOL TAX TO A ONE CENT ADDITIONAL SALES TAX.

TAKING THIS TAX OFF OF PROPERTY OWNER'S AD VALOREM TAX BILLS WILL HAVE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS.

1. THIS MOVE WILL IMMEDIATELY REDUCE PROPERTY TAX BILLS BY ABOUT 1/3.



2. LOWER PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL REDUCE MOST CITIZENS MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.

3. SALES TAXES ARE A BROADER AND MORE EQUITABLE METHOD FOR COLLECTING TAXES.

4. THIS SYSTEM WOULD STOP PENALIZING RENTERS AND GIVE SECOND HOME OWNER'S REAL RELIEF.

WE BELIEVE THIS IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THIS PROPOSAL UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HAVING THESE HEARINGS AND LETTING THE PEOPLE BE HEARD.

THE COMPLETE STATEMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT:

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MEMBER SUPPORT FOR WCTA

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR THANKS FOR THE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE TOWARD OUR EFFORTS. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ORGANIZATION NOT ONLY SUSTAIN US FINANCIALLY BUT ALSO VALIDATE OUR WORK.

WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT WE MUST CONTINUE OUR MISSION FOR MORE ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING, DECREASING THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN OUR DAILY LIVES, AND PRESSING FOR LOWER TAXES. WE MUST STAY INVOLVED TO GET MORE MEANINGFUL TAX RELIEF.

A BASIC ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$10 GOES TOWARD THE COSTS OF OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. OUR NEWSLETTER IS INTENDED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ON HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING YOUR MONEY AND WHAT YOU ARE GETTING IN RETURN. AS ONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS SAID, "THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS WHAT ARE WE GETTING FOR OUR MONEY". YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO BE THE EYES AND EARS FOR WALTON COUNTY TAXPAYERS.

**PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE TO
RENEW
YOUR NECESSARY SUPPORT TODAY !**

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