



HB 263

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re: **Public Testimony Opportunity for HB 263**
Ohio House Ways and Means Committee

Dear Ohio House Ways and Means Committee members,

Thanks for your consideration of Rep. Hall and Isaacsohn's proposed HB 263 to freeze Ohio real estate tax increases for seniors. I support this bill with the following change: Please revise the ten year ownership to one year. A zero or one year ownership requirement is a reasonable concept, ten years is not. I was a caretaker for my late parents and have owned a home since 2018. There are many seniors that were caretakers for their parents and are in this same scenario. Some of you may find yourselves in this situation in the future. Again, I fully support HB 263 however, please consider deleting the 10 year ownership requirement, I hope it passes. This bill will help seniors on fixed incomes that are facing historic increases in real estate property valuations and property taxes.

PS There are many states which previously enacted legislation to freeze tax increases for seniors, Texas is a good example. Other states include: Connecticut, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Tennessee. And the following states previously passed legislation for assessment freezes: Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Washington. Of the abovementioned, only one state, Connecticut, has a state residency waiting period for one (1) year. This information was provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Thanks again,

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