

Testimony in support of HB 263: to amend and authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner occupied homes.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider this important bill.

When I moved into my home in 2009 my property taxes were \$1439 a year. I was working full time earning \$69,000 a year as an educator. I am now retired and I am earning \$20,955 in retirement benefits. I also work part-time at the Hamilton County Public Library to earn enough money to pay for my home. I wish to stay in my home and provide the necessary upkeep of an older home, which can be expensive. Older homes (mine was built in 1890's) require money for ongoing repairs to stay livable. These repairs are expensive but necessary.

I am able to work and am willing to do so well into my 70's. However, as my home value increases On Paper and taxes increase to now \$2500 a year (and it will increase again soon) , my income has decreased, but the property still requires upkeep.

Freezing the property tax liability would enable me and others to stay in their homes and continue to keep up with repairs, rising costs in gas/electric bills, and water bills. HB 263 will provide much needed support to me and many many others who deserve to live in their homes as they grow older.

Thank you for your time and please support this bill to allow elderly citizens to live in their homes and continue to be a valuable asset to their communities.

**With respect,
Alicia Modarressi**