

Testimony in supporting 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.

When I bought my home in 2016 my property taxes were \$3000 a year. I am a retired Cincinnati Public School teacher and I am living on a small pension and some investments. I paid off my house and felt comfortable and secure. Then the city doubled my property tax. \$6000 a year.

I have had 2 hip replacements and a knee replacement. I have severe hearing loss and meniere's disease. I was unable to keep up with my property tax increase and have had to get a part-time job. I work for Twin Towers Life Enrichment Community as a caregiver earning \$13 an hour.

My income has decreased due to my age, I am 74 years old. I am a single mother and willing to do what is necessary to stay in my home. I pay \$350 supplemental Health insurance a month. Freezing the property tax liability would enable me and others to stay in our homes. We could continue to keep up with home repairs, pay the rising costs of our gas and electric bills and water bills.

HB 263 will provide much needed support to me and other seniors who have contributed to the betterment of society their entire lives. We deserve to live in our homes as we grow older. Thank you for your time and your support of this bill to allow elderly citizens to live in their homes and continue to be a valuable asset to their communities.

Sincerely,  
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