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Chairman Tyson and the Senate Assessment and Taxation committee--

Thank you for having the hearing on this bill. I have had mixed feelings on this bill in the past, but I now see the distinct value to our elderly.

I come now as a sponsor and proponent to SB 76. In recent weeks, property assessments have risen dramatically in my local area. The assessment on my 1870s house rose to 170%+ of the valuation from last year. While I may be able to absorb the extra property taxes, I know from many discussions with constituents that they are on fixed income. They would not be able to absorb this type of radical increase.

In addition my area has many disabled veterans who served our country and through their duty, have had some impact on their normal functioning in some way. I am happy to see this bill is inclusive of those who have served in addition to those on fixed income less than \$50k when it comes to the effective 'freeze' on property taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Senator Jeff Pittman SD #5

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