

SB 196

Chairman Tyson and Committee Senators:

I am retired and on a fixed income.

My tax has increased to a level on a house built in 1981 with no improvements that I am forced to move out of state this spring.

It is my hope in adding my voice to this request that others may avoid my fate.

As a resident and voter of I am writing in support of efforts to restore funding to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund. The local ad valorem tax reduction fund (LAVTR) is an important tool that can be used to reduce the property tax burden that I have to pay.

I already fund this tool by paying sales taxes. I am asking you to restore funding to LAVTR so that those sales tax dollars are returned to me in the form of local property tax relief.

LAVTR was created to offset some of the burden of property taxes on local taxpayers. Property tax is an important issue for both elected officials and me as a property tax paying citizen, and funding LAVTR would be a victory for both of us!

Please restore the funding for LAVTR so that the burden on local taxpayers can be reduced as intended by this fund.

Sincerely,

Myrtha Ferguson