

Correspondence received by the
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Subject: RTE / Senior Tax Relief Committee

Dear Select Board Members,

Please create a committee to carefully explore the pros and cons of the Real Estate Tax Exemption (RTE) and alternative ways to assist Seniors facing significant financial stress due to high real estate taxes.

We are fortunate to live in a town with knowledgeable, objective and generous citizens who are ready, willing and able to thoughtfully analyze our tax situation by serving as committee members.

It is unlikely 5 people have the time and expertise required to conduct a thorough and objective analysis while also serving as Select Board Members. It seems appropriate for you to request such an analysis to inform decisions you make that have such significant financial impacts to Concord residents.

You have the power to create a Tax Evaluation Committee. Perhaps it is the only way you can make a fact based decision that identifies the pros, cons and unintended consequences of financial engineering.

Thank you for your consideration,

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