

First off, I'm speaking as a private citizen, not as a board member. I'm contacting our president to get an official letter from the board. However I am a past president.

This bill is a disaster waiting to happen. Running a tax district is difficult enough, but this bill could undermine the entire financial underpinnings of a tax district. It will pit neighbor against neighbor. There are 8 tax districts in New Fairfield and I doubt any one of them would be in favor of this bill. The mechanism is too easily commandeered by a very small group of people. It only requires 10% of the taxpayers in the tax district to bring it to a vote. In some of the smaller tax districts, that's only about 10 or 12 people and if they time it correctly, it could go through without most taxpayers even being aware of it because they aren't

around to see any notifications.

There already is a mechanism for doing what is wanted by this bill and this is creating an Association. I'm disappointed but not surprised that the tax districts whom this is going to affect where not in any way notified.

Finally, it is even constitutional? I'm not a lawyer, but can a "property" tax be a flat tax regardless of the size of the property?

I hope you can look into this matter.

Thank you,
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