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Re: Veteran Property Tax Exemption

Dear Veterans Committee,

First and foremost, thank you very much for allowing me to voice my opinion to my legislative representative regarding tax abatement. Service Disabled Veterans that receive disability compensation from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs are on a fixed income with limited to no increases for some time. However, property taxes have increased almost two-fold.

I would like provide my opinion to the Legislative Body toward better understanding the difficulties that Disabled Veterans (DAV) are having toward tax abatement. Having a fixed income without an increase of cost of living makes economizing with what little funds DAV have compromises how we maintain and sustain a suitable lifestyle within our home environment. Hence, making life difficult when Veterans want to stay in their home, but the high taxes are making sustainable housing impossible because we cannot afford to stay up with the increase in taxes.

As a statement of purpose, any Disabled Veteran 65 years or over, should have a freeze on their property taxes so as to sustain a suitable home so that they can have a dignified end of life transition within their own home. For your information, I am a Navy Vietnam Veteran that honorably served my country from 1962 to 1965. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me the above address or call me at 203-735-0314.

Sincerely,

John D'Antona
Navy Disabled Veteran