

RE: HB 7378 Relating to Taxation

To: Chairman Casey and members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee

My name is Daniel Liparini and I am writing in support of HB 7378 but believe that it needs to be amended to focus more specifically on people who really need assistance.

This bill would allow all towns and cities to offer homestead exemptions to residents. But it should require the owner to live in the house. I believe the intent of the bill is to provide tax relief to people who actually live in our communities.

We all know that property taxes are continuing to rise as cities and towns react to the increased costs of services within our state. But the focus should be on people with fixed incomes who are struggling to meet their expenses. The way the bill is written it gives more relief to owners of expensive homes. Either a dollar cap on the exemption or an income cap could better focus the savings on those who need it the most.

Please support this important bill with the suggested changes.

Sincerely,

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