

Testimony opposing H7567: Tax deferral program

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To: Chair Casey and the Honorable Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee

I am asking that you not pass this bill unless income eligibility for this benefit is added to it. The idea that all seniors and disabled folks, as defined, are in need of financial support is simply not true. This bill actually discriminates against the many seniors and disabled folks as being in need of a new governmental program which would place the burden on the state for paying their municipal taxes for those fully capable of paying their own taxes without hardship. Without adding means testing, this would be another feel good program which adds a burden to the state budget and would be totally unnecessary for those not in need of such a benefit but none the less would be eligible for it. Please do not pass this bill as currently written.