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

I write in support of HB# 7567 which will establish a property tax deferral program for senior citizens, disabled people and veterans.

This bill allows local government to defer property taxes for this population and provide payment from the State back to the towns and cities when deferral is appropriate. The State of Rhode Island will gain from the 6% yearly deferral when the property is sold or transferred.

This can make the difference in whether a person who cannot afford the taxes can stay in their home or age in place. It gets increasingly difficult in these financially stressful times for members of this population to live their lives in the home of their choice. This legislation can be a gamechanger for them.

I urge your consideration and support for HB#7567.

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