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Testimony  
HJR 14

Please do not allow HJR 14 to pass. I am already having difficulty paying the property taxes on my home. Because taxes are not included in my house payment, I write out a check every year and I am acutely aware of how much I pay and where the money goes.

I have no children or grandchildren and I don't want to give one more penny to schools. In fact I'd like a refund.

Because of the strings attached to the Federal money that schools receive, they MUST do this or they are PROHIBITED from that. Those strings tie the teacher's hands. Schools have become nothing more than daycare facilities for juvenile delinquents. I made that very statement to a school administrator a few years ago and he agreed. He said, "Yes, it's true. But as long as the kids are here, we TRY to teach them something."

Public schools are an abysmal failure and should be abolished. They were bad 35 years ago when I was in school and they are worse now. They are turning loose a pack of morons that only know how to put on condoms and drive cars . . . fast.

Every year the assessed value of our property is allowed to increase 3%. Every year the schools get more money to waste. I want it to stop and to stop right now. DO NOT give them any more money. DO NOT ask the voters to decide. More people do not own property than do and I hate for non-property owners to vote in favor of raising property taxes because it doesn't affect them. I think, but I don't know, that property owners are paying more taxes than any other segment of the population.

Keep in mind; the more foreclosures that occur and when more people lose their jobs the fewer taxes the State collects. The State must not load down those of us that remain. It will break us. The only solution is for the State to STOP WASTING MONEY and CUT BACK.

I have had to cut back at my house. My thermostat is set at 54 degrees just so the place doesn't mildew. I walk around in the dark to keep my power bill low but it still keeps going up. I eat soup nearly every night to stretch my grocery dollar. I only drive my car once a week. What are you doing to cut back?

Please. No more taxes. I have NO MORE MONEY!

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