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On Behalf Of:

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I strongly support HB4125. I believe that the "kicker" is a reactionary policy that undermines the state budget process, making it very difficult to plan for the future. This impedes our state from investing in long term goals, serving our neediest residents, and helping local authorities in times of crisis.

Also, I wonder what is the point of progressive taxation if we're just going to give away the proceeds in a need blind manner at the end of each tax year? And what if we face recession and revenue craters; wouldn't it be advantageous to have some money from the previous tax year that we can count on if a recession hits?

On a more personal note, I am a father of two children in public school. I moved to my neighborhood specifically to send them to our neighborhood school, which happens to be a Title 1 institution. So this issue affects my family. These schools need more funding, more teachers, more support services. Eliminating/reforming the kicker will allow the neediest school districts to be able to count on support from the state when necessary. Please vote yes on HB4125!

Thank you

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