

Honorable Committee Members,

I am a retired appraiser for the Malheur County Assessors Office. In that capacity I served as the commercial/industrial appraiser and then Chief Appraiser for 17 years.

Over this period of time I can personally attest to the increasing imbalance between our county and a thriving Idaho economy. Everything from housing to significant industrial businesses relocating to Idaho demonstrate the disparity between the states.

I would ask that you would carefully consider any action that would increase the burden placed upon our economy to compete.

Respectfully,
R W Thurmond
Chief Appraiser Retired
Malheur County Assessors Office