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I would like to submit this testimony in favor of HB3755.

I lost my husband 12 years ago and was forced to sell our farm. I moved to Washington Co, paid cash for my home of 1400 square feet. It's a ranch style built in 1977. It's what I could afford and the taxes were a little over \$2,000. Eleven years later the taxes are close to 5k and my income certainly has not increased proportionally. We are at the mercy of voters who rent. When they read the voters pamphlet they see the cost of what property taxes are going to increase on a certain measure and since they don't pay property taxes, directly, they think it won't affect their pocketbook so they vote for it. Eighty percent of widows live at the poverty level. Not having to pay property taxes would allow me to make much needed repairs to my home, to purchase a more efficient heating system, among other things.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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