



URGENT PTCC UPDATE AND ACTION ITEM

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Friends,

Exciting news! Technical revisions to Senate Bill 76, the Property Tax Independence Act, have been completed and we anticipate a vote in the Senate Finance Committee very shortly.

Unfortunately, the well-heeled special interest opponents of SB 76 are also aware of the impending vote. Last week a coordinated group of them began their opposition campaign with an extremely negative letter loaded with distortions that was sent to all Senate Finance Committee members to urge them to vote against the bill. On the same day this organization held a media event to publicize their actions.

Senator David Argall, one of the SB 76 prime sponsors, said this about their opposition in the April 10 issue of PA Independent: "The current tax can make people homeless, and I can't believe that these groups would be defending the status quo."

The fight for enactment of the Property Tax Independence Act is truly a battle between the self-serving special interests that influence so much of today's lawmaking and the ordinary taxpaying, grassroots citizens who crafted this legislation and want their voices to be heard.

Right now it is imperative that we do just that and do it loudly and clearly. To effectively respond to this special interest attack on our homes and families we must let the members of the Senate Finance Committee know at once that we, the people, want the enactment SB 76 and expect them to support and vote for this legislation for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

ACTION ITEM: Since time is critical, please write, email, call, or visit the members of the Senate Finance Committee IMMEDIATELY to strongly encourage them to vote for SB 76 in committee. Since our goal is to gain support and not to make enemies, please keep all contacts courteous, respectful, and non-threatening but, at the same time, be firm with your request. If you'd like, explain why this legislation is so important to you and how it will affect your family.

The list of the eleven Senate Finance Committee members is here: <http://x.co/4KT4S>. Click on each of their names for contact information.

You can also help to achieve enactment by sending supporting messages to your own Senator through the RealReform76 website at: <http://realreform76.com/>.

This is a crucial time for the future of SB 76, the Property Tax Independence Act, so PLEASE take a few moments to help with the effort. I simply can't stress strongly enough the importance of your participation.

Please forward this message to everyone in your Pennsylvania email address book and spread the word about SB 76 wherever and whenever possible. We can achieve enactment of this vital legislation but we need everyone's help NOW!

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