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State Rep. Tricia Byrnes Continues Fight to Fix Missouri's Property Tax System

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Rep. Tricia Byrnes and members of the Missouri House of Representatives are continuing their efforts to improve Missouri's property tax system as members of the newly established House Special Committee on Property Tax Reform.

The new session committee builds on the work of the House Special Interim Committee on Property Tax Reform, which held six public hearings across the state this summer to gather input from county officials, taxpayers, and policy experts. The hearings highlighted growing frustration among homeowners facing steep assessment increases and called attention to the need for a fairer, more transparent property tax system.

"I've heard from countless Missourians who are struggling with unpredictable and sometimes unfair property tax increases," Byrnes, R-Wentzville, said. "Our goal is to make the system work better for taxpayers while ensuring we maintain the funding needed for our schools and essential local services."

During the interim, the committee examined a wide range of ideas to address assessment spikes and inequities in the tax structure, including creating separate tax rates for different classes of property, improving oversight of the assessment process, and modernizing the Circuit Breaker tax credit for seniors and Missourians with disabilities.

To underscore the importance of the issue and in support of the establishment as a House Special Committee, State Rep. Tim Taylor, R-Bunceton, stated, "When Speaker Patterson asked me to Chair the interim committee, I told him I would be honored to do so if he built a committee of

hard-working and dedicated individuals. I was extremely pleased to see that Representative Byrnes was asked to be a member. She has proven, over and over, that she is committed to her constituents and is representing them the best way possible. She is exactly the kind of person I asked the speaker to appoint to the committee. Hardworking and dedicated."

With the transition from an interim to a session committee, lawmakers will now focus on turning those discussions into concrete policy proposals for the upcoming legislative session.

"I'm committed to finding real, lasting solutions that protect Missouri families and seniors from being priced out of their homes," Byrnes said. "This is an issue that impacts everyone, and I'm honored to continue this important work on behalf of my constituents and communities across the state."

State Representative Tricia Byrnes, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 63) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Byrnes by phone at 573-751-1460 or email at Tricia.Byrnes@House.Mo.Gov.

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