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Letters to the Editor
3800 Howard Avenue
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Dear Editor:

Your opposition to Representative Arnold's bill limiting the roll forward of property tax millage rates is misguided.

Do not forget that it is taxpayers on a limited budget whose property has increased in value who are required to pay higher taxes because government wants more tax money to spend.

This windfall of higher tax collections does not guarantee better services. Just look at public education where school boards have abused the roll forward and public education still suffers leaving much to be desired.

Representative Arnold's bill simply limits the roll forward to the increase in the consumer price index. It's not perfect. But his proposal is better than what we have now.

Only the total elimination of all roll forwards would be better. Then higher tax rates would require voter approval. If we want confidence in government, this is the better way to go.

Sincerely,

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