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Letters to the Editor
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Dear Editor,

In his column James Gill opposes broadening the availability of the frozen assessment level for senior citizens.

Since the adoption of the frozen assessment level, the legislature has made changes to it insuring that homeowners who should get the tax break receive it.

Now the legislature will consider another change with legislation by Rep. Ken Odinet which will remove the income requirement. This is the right thing to do. Under current law homeowners, 65 years of age or older and just over the income threshold, are denied the frozen assessment level. This legislation will fix that problem. Yes, a few homeowners who could afford the higher tax bill may also get a break, but their numbers are few and far between.

Our senior citizens have paid taxes all of their lives. This tax break does not waive taxes. It only freezes their assessment. When one considers the good that is accomplished with this legislation and balances that against the very few who would receive a break but may not need it, one must conclude that the good greatly outweighs any other consideration.

James Gill relishes his own sarcasm. Unfortunately, his sarcasm does not add constructive thought or insight into the issues of the day.

Sincerely yours,

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