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## **The Montana Freedom Caucus Calls for a Special Session to Address Property Taxes and Excess Tax Revenues**

HELENA, MT (59601) – The Montana Freedom Caucus calls for a special session to address property tax evaluation increases and excess tax revenues. The session must address two specific areas:

### **Property Taxes:**

1. Adjustment of state mill levies
2. Enacting a Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)

During the 2023 legislative session, most Democrats and numerous Republicans voted against common-sense legislation to limit state property tax increases. With a special session, these legislators can vote to support the people of Montana and not stand for bigger government.

### **Excess Revenue:**

1. Immediately returning additional excess tax revenues to the taxpayer.

Current estimates show that the state will soon have between \$800 million and \$1 billion above and beyond the excess already accounted for in the 2023 regular session. These funds must not fund government growth or special interests.

There is no need to wait until 2025 or later to return excess tax revenue to the taxpayer, or to fix property taxes. Current reserves already safeguard state government against a twenty-year type of recession. Call your representatives and Governor Gianforte's office and request a special session. The people of Montana are dealing with high inflation and rising costs and deserve to have their money returned.

To see local government's overspending habits, see [HERE](#) or the link below.

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