

2023 Interim Newsletter

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Proposition HH is nothing more than a shell game,
and the consequences of that shell game is taking away your TABOR refund.

With the repeal of Gallagher and the increase in property values across the State, we are seeing the largest property tax increase in Colorado history. Colorado's county assessors have been reporting a higher than usual number of people who are appealing their residential property values; this unprecedented amount of appeals shows that the people of Colorado are speaking up and saying that they cannot afford this huge property tax increase.

We, the elected leaders of the state, need to listen to our constituents' protests and find a real solution that will lower rates without raiding Coloradans' TABOR refunds. Proposition HH is not the answer, but rather it's an ill-conceived, band-aid cover-up that the Democrats rushed through the legislative process by making it look appealing with misleading promises that will only offer small, short term relief. As a result of SB23-303, Proposition HH will offer short term relief to the taxpayers, but the long term cost will far out way the short term gain. Coloradoans will forever lose TABOR refunds, which is estimated to cost taxpayers up to \$425 billion over the next three decades. If Proposition HH is passed next month, we will just end up in a worse situation than we are currently, and Coloradoans cannot afford that.

We ALL need to come to the table and find a real, long term solution to these property increases that will not bankrupt Coloradoans. Now is the time for the Colorado General Assembly and the Colorado Governor to listen and work to create practical solutions to better our state. Proposition HH is not a viable solution to the taxpayers of this State. Taxpayers deserve their TABOR refunds and taxpayers deserve to be told that Proposition HH is nothing more than a shell game, and the consequences of that shell game is taking away your TABOR refund. This is why you need to **vote NO on Proposition HH**, and to tell your family and friends to do the same.



[Pictured on the Left: This past Wednesday, my fellow Colorado Republican lawmakers and I met at the State Capitol to renew our call for a special session to address property tax reduction.]

Keeping Busy Over the Interim

This interim, I have been keeping busy with committee work, discussions on bills for the 2024 Legislative Session, meetings and tours around District 1, and working as both an electrician and rancher.

I sit on the following Joint Chamber Year-Round and Interim Committees:

- Statutory Revision Committee
- Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee
- Legislative Interim Committee on Ozone Air Quality
- Transportation Legislation Review Committee

In addition to these legislative committees, I have also been involved and participating on the CDOT Efficiency & Accountability Committee.

As we gear up for the 2024 Legislative Session, please reach out to me (by email, phone, or mail) with your comments as I want to hear from you.

My prayers go out to the people of Israel. What a terrible tragedy and I hope there is an end soon.

I stand with Israel.

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