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Honorable House Taxation Committee Members
Steven Johnson, Chairman

RE: SB294

Thank you for your time in allowing me to express my **opposition** to SB 294. This bill is very confusing, will be **VERY** expensive and difficult to implement. Using current year values with the prior year mill levy doesn't seem to be a very accurate figure to present to a taxpayer. The **timeline** does not give much time to get everything done. During a busy election time this would make it very difficult to try to run an election and at the same time send all these notices out.

Each entity currently publishes the date and time for the public hearing of the budget so taxpayers can voice concerns and ask questions. They get very little or **NO** feedback at these hearings. Sending a notice to each taxpayer, at the cost of the entity, would create a great financial burden and would be very time consuming for our office. Dickinson County has 14,260 parcels of land and I estimate the cost for mailing to be around \$20,000. The information currently on our tax bills reflects current and prior year differences. Any taxpayer can call the courthouse and visit with the Appraiser, Treasurer or Clerk's office if they have questions.

Dickinson County has 146 taxing units. One township alone has 13 tax units and each tax unit is different. Our citizens could possibly receive 6 or 7 different notifications of hearing times, which will cause confusion and the strong possibility of ignoring these notices.

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