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From: Kate Ledbetter
Agenda Item: Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing
Meeting Date: 8/30/22

Taxpayer would like to speak at the hearing: I want to speak at the hearing (speak remotely)

Type of Tax: Property Tax

Speaker's Name: Kate Ledbetter

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Description of Issues:

Prop 19 reassessment on my property may cause me to become homeless, which I'm sure is not the intention of this proposition. I do not believe the way it has been interpreted in my situation fits the original intent of this legislation, which was to Levy more tax on the heirs to their parents' separate property. But in my case, I'm not inheriting some additional property, but am being reassessed on my own and only home that I have lived in for decades, and on my own family business that has been my only source of income and the income I have planned on to get me through the rest of my life. I'm a disabled senior and due to the way this proposition has been interpreted, I now face being thrown out of my long time home and losing my business at a time in my life when I am most vulnerable. I've invested everything I have in this place and now face losing it all due to the vastly increased taxes. This property cannot be subdivided so I don't know how I can stay in my own home if I am stuck with the increased tax for the entire three unit property. Since I held the property in joint tenancy with right of survivorship, I was told this should be interpreted that this made me the lawful owner all along, and thus should not be subject to reassessment as it is not a newly inherited property, but has already been my long time home and business. I understand that many people rushed to put property in llc's and trusts to avoid this reassessment. I'm not sure that it is equitable to

allow this loophole for them to inherit additional properties, and yet my joint tenancy on a property that I have owned and lived in for decades is not being looked at as favorably, even though it could cause a disabled senior to become homeless. Were I to sell , by the time I would pay all the capital gains and depreciation recapture costs on this property, and also losing my entire source of income from this property, I could never afford to buy another home, and being a disabled senior no way to replace the only source of income I would lose by losing the property. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
Kate Ledbetter

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