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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor's Office
Room 225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

Today working families struggle to pay mortgages, while saving for retirement and college. Seniors on fixed incomes scrape resources together to pay for life-saving medications. School property taxes should not add to their burden.

Our taxpayers have waited far too long for action on this important issue. They want lawmakers to set aside partisan agendas and enact a significant property tax reform or elimination measure--NOW.

Under the provisions of Article II, Section 4 and Article IV, Section 12 of the Pennsylvania Constitution you are empowered to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider specific legislative issues.

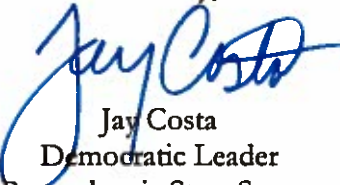
In order to effectively address this issue, we are calling on you to employ your constitutional authority to convene the General Assembly in special session to consider legislation that provides property tax relief or elimination for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

While there have been many meaningful proposals offered that provide significant tax relief or elimination, there has been an inability among policymakers to coalesce around one specific plan; therefore, a special session is warranted.

This special session will provide a platform for all issues associated with the various plans to be raised, debated and fully examined. A special session will bring energy and focus and help develop consensus.

Given the intense public interest and need for action on addressing escalating property taxes it is important for you convene the legislature in extraordinary session that focuses on property tax relief or elimination.

Sincerely,


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