

The Honorable Representative Matt Hall, Chair
Members of the House Tax Policy Committee
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Dear Chairman Hall,

It has come to my attention that you plan to allow before your Committee tomorrow (HB 5413) to eliminate the ability of municipalities to levy personal income tax for non-residents who work principally in our city but may reside elsewhere.

I am concerned that this kind of misguided legislation can make it to the Committee floor. Of course, the legislation has no impact on State revenue so your Committee should consider it. In the past the Chair of the House Tax Policy Committee would not allow legislation proposed by our then Representative Kevin Daley to be heard on the floor...legislation that would impact almost no one. This legislation will impact millions of Michigan voters, but more importantly I believe legislators who work outside their respective income taxing communities. Will those legislators automatically excuse themselves from the discussion and the possible subsequent vote?

Will the individuals who work inside a community that collects income tax be required to pay for the services provided by the community they do not live in? Why should the residents of a community that provides the resources needed to have a job not have to pay a share of those resources? Plowing the snow for that employee to get to work costs money! Having street lights so that non-resident employee can see and be safe costs money.... speaking of safe, will the city who benefits from this legislation have a mechanism in the legislation to charge a non-resident for police or fire services – you know they cost money! This ridiculous legislation should have never been allowed out of committee.

Please read this into the record at your Committee Hearing.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Members of the House Tax Policy Committee
The Honorable Representative Pamela Hornberger