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To the county council members:

I understand that tomorrow you will vote on Calvin Ball's proposal to increase real property tax rates from \$1.014. per \$100 of assessment to \$1.044 per \$100 of assessment.

I am against an increase in the tax rates.

Please vote NAY on this proposal.

Certainly you have scrutinized this proposal and considered higher costs for materials and services that have to be paid and listened and read emails from HoCo residents. However, it is unclear to me whether you have been provided the REAL figures related to the additional funds to be collected from this year's property tax increases as per the CONSIDERABLE Hikes in property Assessments. Since these assessments ARE considerable and our property values have increased, the tax money collected should be enough to cover any increase in costs, Without the need to increase the tax RATE.

Howard County property taxes are already the highest in the State of Maryland. Since we bought our home in 1996, the taxes have TRIPLED. Have our salaries increased threefold since then? Not a chance; not even close. My personal rate of pay is essentially unchanged.

Please don't regard HOCO residents as wealthy people with cash to spare.

I shall appreciate your consideration of my comments and expect that I will be represented by the County Council.

Sincerely,
Angela Watts