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Statement from County Mayor Wamp on Misleading Claims Regarding Senior Property Tax Freeze

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (August 4, 2025) —

“It was disappointing to see the most left-wing county commissioner use a commission meeting to mislead senior citizens about property taxes.

The state’s County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) has since confirmed that enacting a tax freeze now would have absolutely no impact on the recent reappraisals. Such a freeze would have had to be enacted before January of this year to impact this year’s property taxes—something he either doesn’t understand or chose to ignore in an attempt to score political points.

Despite his grandstanding, this commissioner has remained silent about recent tax hikes in Red Bank and Chattanooga, both of which affected seniors in his district. To make matters worse, he’s the only commissioner who has opposed the county’s balanced, fiscally responsible budgets each of the last two years—both of which included actual tax relief for seniors.

Instead of virtue signaling about helping seniors like some politicians, I proposed doubling the county’s match of the state’s Property Tax Relief Program from 50% to 100%, resulting in over \$1.7 million in savings for more than 4,000 low-income seniors and disabled veterans.

The facts matter, especially when it affects the property taxes of senior citizens.”

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