Tax Hike

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"At a time when the rising costs of oil, gas and electricity are already putting a strain on seniors and families, another significant property tax increase would only add to the financial burden facing residents," Flood added.

One bill would limit annual county property tax rate increases to the lesser of 4% or the applicable regional inflation rate, unless voters approve a larger increase through a referendum. The measure is intended to encourage consistent county budgeting and protect homeowners from sudden, substantial tax hikes.

Flood's second bill would prevent school districts from circumventing voter approval requirements through alternative borrowing arrangements. The proposal complements legislation introduced by Rep. Jack Rader (R-Monroe) that would require voter approval for major school construction and renovation debt, with limited exceptions for emergencies.

Together, the two bills are part of a broader property tax reform package introduced by Flood and Reps. Tim O'Neal (R-Washington), Marc Anderson (R-York), Rader (R-Monroe) and Ryan Warner (R-Fayette). The six-bill package also includes proposals to require voter approval for certain school property tax increases, increase accountability in education spending and provide counties with another option for reducing property taxes.

The proposals seek to give taxpayers a greater voice in decisions that affect their household budgets while encouraging greater accountability in local government spending.











Celebrating 150 Years with Residents at Portland's Founders' Day Event

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Portland Founders' Day was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the borough's history and enjoy the sense of community that makes events like this so special. This year's event was especially meaningful as Portland marked its 150th anniversary. I was glad to join Saturday's festivities and connect with so many residents of the 138th District.

My legislative aide, Ann Knecht, joined me for the event, where we welcomed visitors and shared information about upcoming events and the services available through my office. It was a pleasure to spend time with members of the Portland community while helping them stay informed about what's happening throughout the district.

Local events like Founders' Day are an important part of what makes our communities special, bringing people together around a shared sense of history and hometown pride. I appreciated the opportunity to be part of the day and spend time with the people who make the Portland community such a great place to call home.

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