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## *Greetings Seasonal Property Owners:*

[This weekend, the Minneapolis Lake Home and Cabin Show](#) will run from Friday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th. MSRPO will be in booth 703. We will be using this opportunity to call Legislators in support of two important pieces of legislation currently working their way through the Capitol.

Senate File 1348, authored by Sen. Scott Dibble, extends property tax deferral to Seasonal Property. Homestead property has long had this final safety net, and given the skyrocketing property taxes and current economic meltdown, it is critically important that the seasonal property owners most at risk have this protection. In the House, Paul Marquart carried this bill and it is now part of the House Property Tax Division Report.

[Senator Mary Olson authored SF 0130](#), which would remove Seasonal Property from the onerous State Business Tax and put us back on the school Excess operating Levies. In 2001, Minnesota created the Statewide Business Tax on Commercial/Industrial Property and on Seasonal Recreational Property. There has never been a good explanation as to why seasonal property, which cannot raise revenue, was put on a business tax. At the same time, the 2001 tax reform removed seasonal property from having to pay local school excess operating levies because we could not vote for them.

Originally, a portion of the revenue generated by the State Business Tax was to go to education, but with deficits in five of the last seven years, the state quickly reneged, and has kept the money. At the same time the state has cut way back on its Local Government Aid payments, and now funds much less of the education burden than they did eight years ago. In over 200 districts, mostly in the lake districts, seasonal property makes up more than 50 percent of the tax base. With so much less money from the state, local school districts have had to levy. While Excess Levies were once just that — Excess — they have now become the norm as local school districts chase declining revenues.

Statewide, the shift would create an estimated \$24 million savings. Instead of the money going to the state, it would go directly to the local communities where our cabins are located.

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At the Lake Home and Cabin Show we will have phones and will be encouraging everyone who stops by to call their legislator and ask for support of these important measures.

### **Complimentary Legacy Seminar**

MSRPO is co-sponsor of a free seminar on Legacy Issues — [Register](#) for one of three times: Tuesday April 14th, 10:30 AM, Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 PM or Thursday night, April 16th, at 7:00 PM.

Few issues can be as difficult to resolve as the passing of a cabin or hunting shack down from one generation to the next. There are financial concerns, tax implications, and strong emotions. Register for this free seminar today!

Sincerely,



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