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Greetings Seasonal Owners:

Last week, the Senate and the House put out their respective omnibus tax bills. As usual, they were wildly divergent. So now they are meeting in Conference Committee to roll the two bills into one. [This article](#) describes the process. So far they have not taken up any measures that deal directly with us:

1. Removal of cabins from the State Business Tax and reinstatement on Excess Operating Levies
2. Tax Deferral for seasonal property
3. Removal of Cabins on National Forest Land from property tax

All of these measures would benefit cabin owners and help correct unfairness in the system. The conference committee is expected to take up these measures this evening, although as the article makes clear, it may be a slow road. But there is still time to call and urge support of our positions. Rep. Lenczewski, Chair of the House Committee, so far opposes removing seasonal property from the state general tax and taking leased cabins on federal lands off the property tax. The State Business Tax is clearly for income-producing properties — it is a travesty that we were ever included.

And people who lease lands from the timber industry, the state or county do not pay property taxes — but if the land is on the national forests, they are hit. This is also unfair and should be corrected.

TODAY IS THE DAY TO CALL — MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. Urge these legislators to support the positions above.

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Call or email them today — thank them for their work and ask them to remove cabins from the State Business Tax and support local community schools, to end the double taxation of federal Special Use Permit Holders. And finally, encourage them in this temporary yet harsh economic downturn to give those who are most vulnerable the option of a deferral for a time.

[Here is a link](#) that will allow you to either watch or listen to the committee as it meets so you can get an idea of the process.

To those of you who have called, thank you. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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