

National Tax Lien Association Urges Caution and Fiscal Responsibility in Florida Property Tax Debate

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[National Tax Lien Association \(NTLA\)](#)

recognizes the growing concerns of Florida homeowners facing rising property values, increasing insurance costs, and affordability challenges. We appreciate Governor Ron DeSantis' efforts to address these concerns and acknowledge that meaningful property tax relief deserves serious discussion.



How Will Local Governments Replace *Tens Of Billions Of Dollars* In Lost Property Tax Revenue While Maintaining Essential Services?



However, as proposals emerge to dramatically reduce or eliminate homestead [property taxes](#),

the NTLA urges policymakers and voters to carefully consider the long-term consequences for local communities, public services, and fiscal stability.

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*Brad Westover, Executive
Director of NTLA*

Property taxes are not simply a line item on a tax bill. They serve as the primary funding mechanism for many of the services Floridians rely upon every day, including public safety, emergency response, roads, infrastructure, parks, libraries, public health programs, and local government operations.

Recent proposals would substantially increase homestead exemptions, with some plans ultimately envisioning the

elimination of property taxes on homesteaded residences altogether. While such proposals may sound attractive on the surface, the unavoidable question remains:

How will local governments replace tens of [billions of dollars](#) in lost revenue while maintaining essential services?

Florida already operates without a state income tax. Property taxes represent one of the few stable and predictable revenue sources available to local governments. Eliminating or dramatically reducing that revenue creates significant risks for counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts that provide critical services to residents.

The potential consequences could include:

- Reduced funding for law enforcement, fire rescue, and emergency services.
- Deteriorating roads, bridges, water systems, and public infrastructure.
- Reduced maintenance of parks, recreational facilities, and public spaces.
- Increased pressure on local governments to raise fees, assessments, and other taxes to offset lost revenue.
- Shifting the tax burden onto businesses, rental housing providers, and future homebuyers.
- Greater fiscal instability during economic downturns, hurricanes, and other emergencies.

Florida's local governments must be able to plan responsibly for the future. Stable communities require stable funding.

The NTLA is particularly concerned that broad property tax elimination proposals may unintentionally create inequities between current homeowners and future generations. New residents, renters, small businesses, and employers could ultimately bear a disproportionate share of the financial burden needed to sustain local services.

The debate should not be framed as a choice between taxpayers and government. Rather, it should focus on how to provide responsible tax relief while preserving the quality of life that makes Florida communities desirable places to live, work, invest, and raise families.

The NTLA supports thoughtful reforms that improve affordability, enhance transparency, protect homeowners, and ensure local governments operate efficiently. However, any proposal that substantially reduces local revenue should be accompanied by a detailed and credible plan explaining how essential services will continue to be funded.

"We understand the frustration many Floridians feel regarding rising housing costs and increasing tax bills," said Brad Westover, Executive Director of the National Tax Lien Association. "But responsible public policy requires more than identifying what we want to eliminate. It requires a realistic plan for maintaining the public safety, infrastructure, and community services that residents depend upon every day."

Florida's economic success has been built upon strong communities, reliable infrastructure, and local governments capable of providing essential services. Any constitutional amendment or legislative proposal affecting property taxes should be evaluated not only on its immediate

benefits but also on its long-term impact on neighborhoods, public services, and future generations of Floridians.

The National Tax Lien Association encourages a transparent and data-driven discussion that fully accounts for both the benefits and the costs of any proposed property tax restructuring.

About the National Tax Lien Association

The National Tax Lien Association (NTLA) is the only non-profit organization dedicated to promoting integrity, transparency, and best practices in the tax lien and tax deed industry. Since its founding in 1997, the NTLA has served as the primary resource for education, advocacy, and professional development in the tax lien marketplace. The association works closely with policymakers, investors, and municipalities to ensure tax collection processes remain efficient, fair, and beneficial to local communities. Through its initiatives, the NTLA helps uphold the critical role tax lien sales play in funding essential public services such as schools, public safety, and infrastructure.

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