

April 4, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is David White from Lemington. I have been a town selectman for 6 years and a resident of this town for 30. I am self-employed and raised my children here.

The educational tax formula does not work for small towns like us. Being self-employed I work very hard to pay my taxes every year. It is a struggle for me. Over the past two years my taxes almost doubled in 2015 and did double again in 2016.

This equalized pupil rate, that no one understands, does not work for us. I am so very frustrated by this formula, I can't even begin to understand it. This is not right.

After raising my family here, I have a daughter that is moving back "home". I am concerned for her and future generations about how they will be able to afford to live in Vermont and raise their own families here.

I refuse to stand by as the state takes a blind eye to our problem. Something needs to be done.

Respectfully,

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