

May 4, 2013

The Honorable Kurt Schaefer  
District 19  
221 Capitol Bldg  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: MO PTC

Senator Schaefer:

I've provided the first letter I sent to you dated March 16, 2013. I was told by the PA from Cole County you reported no one had written your office regarding the Rent Rebate Bill. As you see, I did send a letter to your office and I was pro-active in the support of keeping the Rent Rebate for the most vulnerable.

I contacted my Commissioners from Boone County in hopes of persuading you to keep the Renter's Rebate going. I am not sure that ever occurred because I was never informed one way or the other. However, if you weren't contacted, that doesn't say much for the leaders of our county.

I am very disappointed about the repealing of the renter's rebate portion of the property tax credits. As the Public Administrator of Boone County, your county, I am deeply concerned about the welfare of the low income wards. The Circuit Breaker, as it is sometimes called, is the only available money for my wards to purchase clothing, burial insurance, and other necessities. In addition, I need you to understand that if a ward resides in a nursing home or assisted living facility 100% of their monthly income (except \$40.00) goes for rent....that Senator leaves only \$480.00 per year for our clients to pay their County's conservator fees, purchase clothing, get a tooth fixed, buy a Christmas present or to help pay for costs on medication that isn't covered under Medicaid. Please try to consider yourself in that position.

The loss of the renter's rebate will place all counties in a "world of hurt." As I stated in my first letter to you most of the renter's rebate goes back to the counties to pay conservator fees. How will this now be accomplished?  
I realize, your job is complex and decisions must be made for the good of all. Explain to me how cutting more funding for the most vulnerable is the best for all.

Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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MAPA Vice-President  
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