

TAX RELIEF IN THE 2016 SESSION COSTS MATTER

Business Property Taxes

The United for Jobs Coalition supports lowering the fixed cost of doing business in Minnesota and improving Minnesota's business competitiveness by removing the automatic tax inflator and by ultimately phasing out the statewide property tax levy.



Minnesota Commercial Property Taxes are among highest in nation



Source: 50 State Property Tax Study,
MN Center for Fiscal Excellence.

THE STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

Only businesses and cabins are required to pay a state property tax in addition to their local property taxes. The state tax totals about 30% of a business total property tax bill. Businesses pay 95% of the \$856 million tax (2015) that was first imposed in 2002 at \$592 million (cabins pay the other 5%). This tax is automatically increased every year.

Minnesota businesses pay a much heavier tax burden than other properties:

- Businesses have 12.4% of the total property market value but pay 32% of the total property tax.
- Businesses have an effective tax rate of 3.88%, which is the highest among property types. For example, homes are 1.30% and farms are 0.53%.
- Businesses have the highest class rate of 2.0%.

Source: Minnesota House Research, Property Tax 101 Short Subjects

IT'S A FACT!

This is a regressive tax paid by all Minnesota families. Business property taxes are ultimately paid by consumers in higher prices of goods, by employees through lower wages and by investors.

Urge Legislators and the Governor to pass tax relief in 2016 session that will support job creators and reduce an uncompetitive regressive tax by enacting meaningful reduction in the state business property tax and by removing the automatic inflator.

United for Jobs Coalition

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Associated Builders & Contractors
Austin Area Chamber of Commerce
Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce
Brainerd Lakes Chamber
Builders Association of the Twin Cities
Burnsville Chamber of Commerce
Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association
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Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce
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Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce
Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Minneapolis Building Owners and
Managers Association
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce &
Tourism Bureau
Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce
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International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
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Minnesota Milk Producers Association
Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
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Tri-State Manufacturing Association
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