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Cc: Mayor Staff
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In July I received property tax assessment notices from the State for my house and my son's house in Missoula. My house assessment increased by 18.6% and my son's by 15.8%. These new assessments appear to accurately reflect actual property values as of January 2021; I do not dispute them.
However, I sincerely hope that the Mayor and Council will not then assume that the city's budget and property taxes also could/should increase by 17%. I most strongly urge you to decrease the mill levy to have only a very modest increase in property taxes, including special districts, which really are taxes by any other name.
Thank you,
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