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Dear Honourable Premier and MLA Smith:

As a resident of Brazeau County, I am deeply concerned about the proposals to change the assessment model for oil and gas sector properties, which would result in devastating consequences for all residents of Alberta.

These proposals could mean a nearly 300% increase in property taxes and/or a 67% drop in service levels here in Brazeau County in 2021 alone. This is not realistic and it is not acceptable. I pay my municipal taxes for services such as fire protection, water and wastewater, and infrastructure maintenance, not to provide a tax break for the largest 4% of oil companies.

As a resident of Brazeau, I am keenly aware of the importance of the oil and gas sector to our region, and to the province. I am not opposed to the industry. However, it appears that these proposals will not benefit the small and medium sized companies that operate here. In fact, there seems to be no requirement for beneficiaries of this tax cut to invest locally or even in Alberta.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal, and use the other methods the Province has to support our oil and gas industry instead. Do not do it on the backs of rural Albertans. We expect our property taxes to stay in our municipalities to support local services for residents.

Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

Brazeau County resident