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We would be very thankful for your review my attached Letter, with all Members at the next County commission meeting

Kind Regards

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Dear Governor Desantis

Please Help us. Many of us have lived in Florida , for decades and have our homesteads here, Helene flooded our home in Largo Florida , 3 feet of water inside our home ruining everything in our home. We can not remain in Florida unless we build vertically , to protect ourselves from a repeat Catastrophe..

We would have to make a huge sacrifice to loan money from a lending institution to enable us to build , however the counties reappraisal of our property , if we decide to rebuild and remain in Florida will increase our homesteaded property taxes , such that it become prohibitive , as seniors we live on fixed incomes. The sacrifice of building will be enough of a stressor, we cannot support having our property taxes increased, for just replicating the same footprint, vertically.

We understand the importance of Taxes and the fair participation we have to help our Government function. However having our property taxes raised , for trying to stay alive and not have our personal property destroyed , would not be reasonable. Please let us know what you may be able to do, in this matter, we would like to remain in Florida , but will move if no consideration is given , to residents living in flood prone areas. We can barely afford our property taxes currently.

We can't imagine having our property taxes raised, in an effort to stay alive.

Kind Regards
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