



## OHIO FARMERS UNITED AGAINST UNFAIR TAXATION

**WHEREAS**, Ohio farmers and woodland owners are experiencing an unprecedented, unfair and un-voted increase in real estate property taxes due to higher levels of the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV), with increases of 100% - 300%; and

**WHEREAS** this is coming at a time when crop prices are decreasing and costs are still increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, the repeal of the 10% rollback, 2.5% residential reduction, and changes in the homestead exemption will all have a negative impact on farmers and homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, State legislation enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor amounts to a “broken promise”, wherein during the 1970s the state income tax was enacted with the promise of lower local real estate taxes with the advent of the 10% rollback, the 2.5% residential reduction, the CAUV, and a broader application of the homestead exemption; and

**THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned, hereby petition the Governor of the State of Ohio and the Ohio State General Assembly to alleviate this unfair tax burden switch and to keep the promise that was made to the farmers and homeowners in the 1970s by doing the following:

1. We call on the Governor to immediately take administrative action on the CAUV to freeze the CAUV values at the 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax year rotation values for respective counties, and that any increase (or decrease) in the future be capped at no more than 7%, per reappraisal or update tax year.
2. We call on the Ohio General Assembly to reverse the action taken in the past state budget bills; and to restore the 10% rollback, the 2.5% residential reduction, and the homestead exemption as it was before.
3. As the least measure, we call for enactment of legislation that would clarify and better define the factors used to determine the capitalization-interest rate component used in the CAUV formula and preserve and protect conservation and woodland acres within the CAUV program.

**We have indicated our support by signing our names to this petition below.**

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