

Maricopa County Treasurer

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Dear Homeowner:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that legislation was recently enacted that eliminates the source for funding the elderly assistance credit you receive. The legislation was sponsored by Representative Justin Olson, and Mr. Olson did not include an alternative funding source.

The amount of your 2015 elderly assist credit is shown on the enclosed tax bill or information statement. What this means is Representative Olson's legislation will increase your property taxes by approximately that amount when existing funds are exhausted in about two years.

I've directed my Chief Deputy Treasurer, Royce Flora, to find an alternative means for providing this assistance, and to pursue it during the 2016 legislative session.

IMPORTANT: You should continue to renew your eligibility every three years as required by law to avoid losing this benefit if an alternative method is adopted next year. We will place updates on our website at: www.treasurer.maricopa.gov and in the 2016 tax bill.

In the meantime, if you would like to voice your opinion on this matter you should **personally** contact the legislators in your district. If you do not know what district you vote in or who your legislators are you can find information on their website at: www.azleg.gov Click on the "**How Do I Find My Legislators**" link and follow the instructions.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call 602-926-3559 or 602-926-4221. Please keep in mind that the person helping you find your legislators cannot forward information to them on your behalf. If you wish to send a letter the mailing address is: (Legislator's Name) Arizona State Senate (or Arizona House of Representatives), 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890.

Best regards,

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