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The Honorable Ken Pruitt
President

The Florida Senate
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404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Speaker

The Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
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Dear President Pruitt and Speaker Rubio:

The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission hereby submits Statutory Recommendation 13 for consideration by the Florida Legislature.

Article XI, section 6 of the Florida Constitution requires the Commission to conduct a review and to "propose to the legislature any recommended statutory changes related to the taxation or budgetary laws of the state." Consistent with this duty, the Commission approved Statutory Recommendation 13 by a vote of 24-0 on March 17, 2008.

Statutory Recommendation 13 revises the statutory criteria property appraisers must consider when determining the just value of property for ad valorem taxation. The measure also provides that the burden of proof for a taxpayer to prevail in an assessment challenge is a preponderance of the evidence in all cases. The text and analysis of the recommendation are attached.

Please contact me or Susan Skelton, executive director, for additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Allan Bense, Chair

Enclosures

Cc: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor