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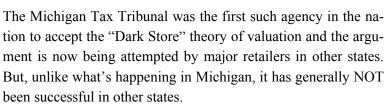


The Michigan Tax Tribunal's decision to abandon decades of practice in the valuation of commercial property has distorted Michigan's system for fair and proper handling of property taxes. If action is not taken promptly, the current crisis for local communities across Michigan will turn into a catastrophe.

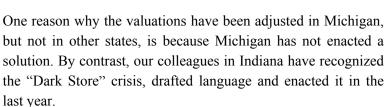


We urge the Committee to consider legislation designed to restore fairness to property valuation practices. Bills are being developed that are the products of months of discussion among stakeholders, legal experts, legislators and members of the Executive Branch. Statutory changes are needed soon and should not be made lightly — nor should they be designed to single out or punish a business or retail sector.











Without legislative action, Michigan is left with an unbalanced tax system that could unfairly burden small businesses and homeowners.



It is time for Michigan to move quickly, yet prudently, from crisis to solution. We offer our collective assistance to work with you in forging a restoration of a fair and property valuation system.



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