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## **Stouffer Moves to Reject Tax Increase for Land Owners**

*State Senator Says, "Now is a bad time to raise taxes on any Missourian"*

JEFFERSON CITY — State Senator Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, is putting forward a proposal to reject a tax increase on Missouri landowners.

Senator Stouffer joined leaders of the Missouri Farm Bureau on Tuesday morning in the State Capitol to announce his intention to file a Senate Concurrent Resolution rejecting a tax increase established by the [Missouri Tax Commission](#).

Last month, the Missouri Tax Commission raised land valuations on productive farmland by 29 percent, causing concern from farm organizations and landowners.

"Now is a bad time to raise taxes on any Missourians," said Sen. Stouffer. "You have a governor and General Assembly claiming they are not going to increase taxes to fund existing programs. If we fail to pass this resolution, we are failing to keep that promise."

By statute, the General Assembly has 60 legislative days to reject the tax commission's findings.

According to Missouri Farm Bureau President Charlie Kruse, "Property tax levies are set locally, but an increase in farmland productivity values means a tax increase on farmers and ranchers statewide." Kruse added the organization urged the governor to "weigh in on this issue before the decision, and we now urge him to speak out in opposition to the recommended tax increase."

While the commission moved to increase productive cropland values, it lowered values on land used for pasture and timber. But Sen. Stouffer says the proposal still does not have merit.

"What we have is an industry with extremely volatile markets combined with record production expenses, weak demand and landowners struggling to manage debt and cash flow," said Sen. Stouffer. "Now is a bad time to raise taxes on any Missourian, including the state's landowners."

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