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PETITION FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCE

TO: The Honorable House of Representatives

FROM: Petitioner Representative Duffy Daugherty, Coos 1

DATE: September 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Grievance of Frank M. Handibode, Hebron, New Hampshire

Your Petitioner Representative Daugherty on behalf of Frank M. Handibode of Hebron, hereinafter presents the following summary of his grievance involving a dispute with the Town of Hebron Board of Selectmen, Avitar Associates of New England, the town's agent for property assessments, and the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) and invokes the constitutional authority and duty of the Honorable House of Representatives pursuant to Articles 31 and 32 to bring about redress:

Grievance involving a dispute with the Town of Hebron Board of Selectmen, Avitar Associates of New England, and the BTLA for either making in 2006 and again in 2008 or upholding in 2010 a faulty property assessment on the home of Mr. Handibode. These individuals and organizations erroneously used or incorrectly ratified faulty technical and administrative data to make or support the assessment, as well as applied a separately identified but undefined arbitrary, capricious, and subjective property evaluation factor for "views" to the overall assessment in calculating the total property value.

Wherefore, your Petitioner prays that the House of Representatives consider this proposed remedy:

The New Hampshire House of Representatives shall authorize a study and oversight committee to conduct a full and complete top-to-bottom review of the New Hampshire property assessment, taxation, and appeal processes for the purpose of overhauling these processes to include developing and recommending such necessary legal and administrative changes that will ensure all New Hampshire taxing property owners receive the maximum protection and fairness due them. Such changes shall include enforcing the use of realistic, verifiable, current, and truly comparable property values, using only recognized and clearly objective and measurable real estate and building evaluation criteria with no application of separate subjective factors such as those related to views as indicated on current property cards, and requiring only complete, accurate, and correct property and personal information and data that will result in the derivation of honest, fair, equitable, and understandable property assessments for the property-owning taxing citizens of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted by Petitioner Representative Daugherty on Behalf of Frank M. Handibode.