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**Testimony in Support of
House Bill 235: Property Tax - Deadline Extension for Homeowners to Redeem Property
Involved in a Tax Sale
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Madam Chair Atterbeary and esteemed members of the Ways and Means Committee, it is my pleasure to come before you and offer testimony in favor of **House Bill 235: Property Tax - Deadline Extension for Homeowners to Redeem Property Involved in a Tax Sale**.

This bill gives property owners an additional two months after the tax sale to redeem their property without having to pay the tax sale purchaser's expenses, which include things like a title search fee and attorney's fees. As the committee knows, homeowners whose homes face tax sales can owe just hundreds of dollars, but ultimately have to pay tax lien purchasers thousands in fees.

This bill is another step that the committee has taken in recent years to help homeowners keep their homes and not lose the equity they have built up over decades.

I urge a favorable report on **House Bill 235**. Thank you.