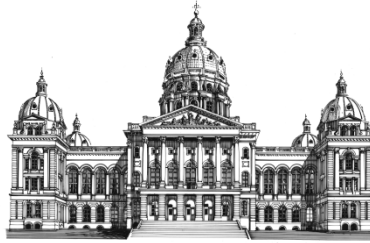


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Senator Democrats declare war on Iowa property taxpayers and our rural communities

DES MOINES – Senate Democrats declared war on Iowa property taxpayers during today’s education debate. Senator Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, said he would sponsor a bill that would raise tens of millions of dollars in property taxes on our hard-working Iowans.

In 2013, 20 Senate Democrats joined Republicans voting for the property tax relief bill. However, it now appears Senate Democrats declared war on Iowa property taxpayers and our rural communities, said Senate Republican Leader Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock.

“This is not just a change of heart,” Senator Dix said. “It’s worse. Senate Democrats continue to demonstrate a clear lack of understanding for the struggles facing our mom and pop shops on Main Street, the mechanic we rely upon to help us commute to work and the daycares we entrust with our children,” Senator Dix said. “Suggesting something irresponsible as raising taxes on our hard-working Iowans would be a devastating blow to our state’s economy and our rural communities.

“Today, Senate Democrats blamed property taxpayers for the perceived shortfall in education funding. The blame falls on Senate Democrats who continue to demonstrate they have a never-ending appetite for other people’s money.”