



Every year, at this time, I provide information on **various tax programs** offered to seniors by our State & Federal Government. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or for any additional information.

State Programs for Massachusetts Seniors

• **Senior Circuit Breaker** - The Senior Circuit Tax Credit allows income-eligible seniors to receive a tax credit for property taxes they have paid during the tax year. Contact my office for more information or go online to:

<http://tinyurl.com/RepHogan>

• **Senior Property Tax Work-Off**- This program allows seniors to volunteer with their local towns in exchange for a reduction in property taxes. You can apply to this program through your local Council on Aging (COA.)

- **Tax Deferral**- Seniors can defer all (or some) of their taxes at a rate of 5% interest. To qualify you must have lived in Massachusetts for 10 years, owned a home for the last 5 years, and annual income cannot exceed \$40,000.
- **Clause 17D**- This program allows a tax break of \$208.39. To qualify seniors must be over 70 years old, and have owned and lived in their home for 5 years.
- **Clause 22**- Disabled veterans & their spouses may qualify for this tax break of \$400 to \$1,000. It requires a certificate stating war-related disability & honorable discharge.

Federal programs for Seniors

- **Standard Deduction for Seniors**- If you don't itemize deductions, you may still be eligible for a higher standard deduction amount if you and/or your spouse are 65 years or older.
- **Publication 554**- This is the booklet that explains all of the benefits available to seniors at the federal level and what the eligibilities are. It is available at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/RepHogan2> or my office will send you a printed copy: just call Jordan at 617/722-2637.

Tax Counseling: The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is approved by both the IRS & AARP and is run by trained volunteers for people age 60+. Please call 800-829-1040, or visit <http://www.aarp.org/money/> for a location near you.

For any brochures or questions regarding these various tax programs, please contact my office at 617-722-2692 or e-mail me at Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov.

Hogan's Office Hours

I will be holding office hours in Bolton on Tuesday, February 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Bolton Public Library, 563 Main Street. Maynard Office Hours will be held on Tuesday, February 24th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street. Please bring any questions, ideas or concerns you may have.

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