

## REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



Friends,

Every year at this time I provide information on various tax programs offered to seniors by our state and federal government. Please contact my office at 617-722-2130 or [kate.hogan@mahouse.gov](mailto:kate.hogan@mahouse.gov) for any questions, brochures, or additional information.

### State Programs

• **Senior Circuit Breaker:** The Circuit Breaker Tax Credit allows income-eligible seniors to receive a tax credit for property taxes they have paid during the tax year. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/rephoganCB](http://tinyurl.com/rephoganCB).

• **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).

- **Property Tax Deferral:** Seniors can defer all (or some) of their taxes with interest. To qualify you must have lived in Massachusetts for 10 years, owned a home for 5 years, and your annual income cannot exceed \$20,000. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/rephogandeferral](http://tinyurl.com/rephogandeferral)
- **Property Tax Exemptions:** Seniors may qualify for exemptions to their property taxes if they meet specific ownership, residency, income, and asset requirements.
  - **Clause 41:** Seniors may qualify. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/rephoganclause41](http://tinyurl.com/rephoganclause41)
  - **Clause 17:** Seniors may qualify. In contrast to Clause 41 (above), this exemption provides a reduced benefit, but has less strict eligibility requirements. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/rephoganclause17](http://tinyurl.com/rephoganclause17)
  - **Clause 22:** Disabled veterans and their spouses may qualify. For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/rephoganclause22](http://tinyurl.com/rephoganclause22)

### Federal Programs

- **Higher Standard Deduction for Seniors:** If you do not itemize deductions, you may be eligible for a higher standard deduction amount if you and/or your spouse are 65 years or older.
- **Publication 554:** This is a booklet that explains all of the benefits available to seniors at the federal level and what the eligibilities are. If you would like a copy of Publication 554, call Rep. Hogan's District Director Karen Freker at 617-722-2130.

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide:** This free program assists low-to moderate-income individuals ages 50+ with tax services and helps ensure they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. Tax-Aide is offered in cooperation with the IRS. Please call 888-687-2277 for a location near you or visit [tinyurl.com/rephoganaarp](http://tinyurl.com/rephoganaarp)

### Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- District Office Hours will be held in **Stow** on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Randall Library, 19 Crescent Street.

All questions, ideas, or concerns are welcome. If you are unable to attend office hours, call the State House at (617) 722-2130 to schedule an appointment. Staff is also available at the District Office on all Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *(Closed Holiday Mondays)*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Hogan" followed by a horizontal line.

Kate Hogan, State Representative

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