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Dear members of the property tax advisory commission,

I have read the report of the Real Property Tax Advisory Commission and do not see any reference to the problem I expressed to the commission by e-mail prior to the first meeting. I have been off-island since 9/24/14 due to health matters and am thereby unable to express my concerns in person.

My partner and I purchased our home late November 2013 and applied for homeowners exemption in December. Only when our tax bill arrived and was double our expectation did we find out that the application for homeowners exemption had to be submitted by 9/30/13. Not owning the home at that time we could not apply by the due date and have thus been inappropriately charged the investor tax rate for our home.

New homeowners should be allowed to apply for homeowners exemption whenever they purchase a home, even if it is between 9/30 and 12/31 and Realtors or title company officers should be required to advise buyers of this opportunity.

respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Blalock