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Jake Merrick Endorses Initiative Petition to Phase Out Property Taxes on Oklahoma Homesteads

Former State Senator Praises Measure Filed by Mike Reynolds as Key Step Toward Eliminating Burdensome Taxation and Empowering Families

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — Jake Merrick, Republican candidate for Oklahoma Governor in 2026, today announced his full endorsement of the Initiative Petition filed by Former State Representative Mike Reynolds. The petition proposes a voter-approved measure to eliminate ad valorem taxes on owner-occupied homesteads in three equal steps: exempting 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of assessed value in 2027, 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % in 2028, and 100% starting in 2029 and thereafter. It preserves collections only for pre-2027 bonded debt and ensures the act can only be amended or repealed by a direct vote of the people.

"This initiative is a bold, commonsense move that directly aligns with my longstanding stance on eliminating property taxes in Oklahoma," said Merrick. "I've always believed that property taxes amount to a perpetual government lien on our homes, undermining true ownership and placing unnecessary burdens on hardworking families. As governor, I'll fight for reforms that shrink government and return power to the people—just as this petition does by phasing out these taxes while protecting existing obligations. Mike Reynolds has done Oklahomans a tremendous service by bringing this forward, and I urge every voter to support getting it on the ballot."

Merrick's support underscores his "Oklahoma First, God First" platform, which emphasizes reducing government overreach, cutting taxes, and promoting fiscal responsibility rooted in biblical principles of stewardship and freedom. By refusing PAC and special-interest money, Merrick's campaign remains focused on grassroots solutions like this initiative, which empowers citizens to decide their own tax future.

The full text of the Initiative Petition, including the gist, suggested ballot title, and additional resources, is available through the Oklahoma Secretary of State's office.

Jake Merrick is a former state senator, radio host, businessman, husband, and father of two running a people-powered campaign for governor centered on faith, family, and freedom.

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