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PFA Votes Yes For Tax Reform

HARRISBURG - The leader of four Pennsylvania families." of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) today urged Pennsylvanians to vote "Yes" for local tax reform in the May 16th primary.

At a Capitol rally attended by several hundred farmers, PFA president Keith Eckel of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, said, "Average homeowners, farmers and retirees on fixed incomes deserve a break on their property taxes. With tax reform, local governments will be allowed to cut those taxes by at least 25% and provide tax relief to three out

Eckel further said that approval of the constitutional amendment in the upcoming primary ballot will be a victory for good government and fairer taxation.

'Tax increases under the present system, "Eckel said, ",...will continue to hit hard the elderly, small businessmen, persons on fixed income and farmers.'

Under the present system Eckel noted, a farmer must pay real estate taxes on his farmland and buildings and may even see those taxes increased, whether or not the farmer made a profit that year.

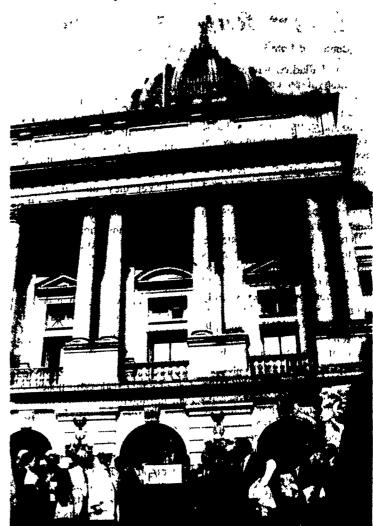
"Farmers are extremely pleased about the possibility of getting this situation corrected," Eckel said, "Tax reform is of critical importance to seniors who worked a lifetime to buy a home and then retired at a lower income."

Eckel said that his organization is "elated that the entire taxation system is being revamped and revitalized to meet today's needs and the future growth of this Commonwealth."

PFA held the new conference in conjunction with their annual legislative tour to the state capitol.



PFA members in Harrisburg.



Keith Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association met the press on the capitol steps this week. A group of PFA members also visited legislators in support of the tax reform referendum to be voted upon in May.

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