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Carroll County Auditor Warns Residents About False Federal Property Tax Relief Claims

Carrollton, Ohio — The Carroll County Auditor's Office is urging residents to be cautious of misleading videos circulating online that falsely claim a new federal program provides property tax relief for older homeowners.

The videos, which have appeared on YouTube and other social media platforms, instruct viewers to contact their county auditor and request a "Senior Homeowner Tax Review Request" form. **No such federal law, program, or form exists.**

"We want residents to know they can always contact our office with questions about legitimate property tax relief programs, including Ohio's Homestead Exemption," said Carroll County Auditor Staci Brady. "If information doesn't come from an official government source, it's important to verify it before taking action. There is no such thing as a Federal Senior Homeowner Tax Review Request form."

Ohio offers legitimate property tax relief through the Homestead Exemption for qualifying homeowners, including many seniors, individuals with disabilities, qualifying disabled veterans, and certain surviving spouses. Eligible Homestead recipients may also receive a one-time, state-funded property tax reduction in 2027 under House Bill 479.

Current Homestead recipients do not need to take any action to receive this benefit. No additional application or paperwork is required.

The Auditor's Office encourages residents to rely on official government sources for information about tax relief programs. Residents should never pay for government forms or provide personal or financial information through unofficial websites or online solicitations.

Anyone with questions about the Homestead Exemption or other property tax relief programs is encouraged to contact the Carroll County Auditor's Office at **330-627-2250** or visit the Carroll County Auditor's website at <https://www.carrollcountyauditor.us/> for official information and application materials.

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