



**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
IOWA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS**

2012 State Legislative Position Paper

The Iowa Federation of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) supports legislation that would insure phasing out taxation on pension income or increasing the current exemption to \$10,000 single/\$20,000 married filing jointly for all seniors in Iowa. Iowa is one of the few states that continues to tax pension income on seniors.

We would also encourage support on legislation that would freeze property tax for Iowa seniors 65 and older with property tax evaluation of less than \$200,000.

Retired individuals are an important factor for the economy of Iowa. However, as the cost of living in Iowa continues to increase, the continuing upward pressure on individuals with fixed incomes is greater. Even with these requested breaks, seniors would continue to pay sales tax, car license, other rising transportation costs and a never ending list of taxes.

We also rely more and more on retired citizens for volunteering which saves the state, employers and community projects money while keeping in mind the cost to the volunteers in performing these functions.

The need for the passage of this legislation is long over due.

Thank you for your consideration.

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