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Title: Include homeowners with disabilities in the recently enacted property tax reduction and any future legislation that reduces property taxes

Background: During the recent special legislative session, property taxes were reduced for the general population but did not include reductions for homeowners with disabilities or senior citizens who have property tax exemptions. Homeowners with disabilities were largely excluded from the reduction in property taxes and were not excluded from paying the accompanying increases in other forms of taxation. The result of this action caused homeowners with disabilities and senior citizens to not benefit from the tax reductions given to homeowners in the general population.

Recommendation: The Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) recommends that the Texas Legislature supports legislation that ensures that homeowners with disabilities and senior citizens be included in recent and any future property tax reductions.

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