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To the Mayor and all city councilors.

Tonight you will face many teachers and other residents that will oppose the tax cap, and the fact that they want full funding for the school department.

They will tell you they need more staff and that teachers of Dover are under paid compared to other communities.

The tax cap was passed with the provision that emergency's only! the tax cap would be overridden. We are in very hard times with record high inflationand. This will be driving a lot of our senior citizens and other residents out of their homes, that have lived in, most of their lives.

The reason why you do not see many of the residents come to the podium that are in favor of the tax cap, is because they voiced their opinion already at the ballot Box when they voted for the tax cap several years ago. This city has supported the school department by giving them the best high school in the state, A newer middle school and many recent updates to all elementary schools. This city has spent millions of dollars over the last past few years on brick and mortar on the school department. Please keep in that in mind when every teacher that comes to the podium that states otherwise.

It is not the residents fault that the state had a shortfall of 2 million dollars towards the school department. In these hard times, especially this year you must have to stay within the tax cap. If necessary cut from other departments and give to the school department for the states short fall. I thank all counselor for their time and hard work on this budget process.

I would like this read on the record on my behalf and for all of the residents that already voiced their opinion at the ballot box and are unable to attend today, April 13 by my counselor Deborah for me, because I am unable to attend this meeting.

Sincerely, Mike Russo 35 year resident, at 33 Samuel Hanson Ave. Dover

P.S. If my counselor Deborah will not read this on the record would another counselor step up and read this at the beginning of citizens forum. Thank you. Mike Russo.