Property and Income Affordability and Taxation (PIAT) Plan

Summary

Kentucky needs tax reform that works for families, not just the wealthy or well-connected. I don't believe in abolishing property taxes—that would devastate schools, public safety, and local services. But I do believe in fixing what's broken. The PIAT Plan is my blueprint for a leaner, fairer, and more transparent tax system. It delivers targeted relief to renters and homeowners, strengthens income-based fairness, and protects local control. This isn't about growing government. It's about making sure every dollar serves the people who paid it.

Some folks say the answer is to abolish property taxes altogether. I get the frustration. When taxes feel unfair or out of touch, it's tempting to want to tear the whole thing down. But here's the truth: eliminating property taxes would cause more pain than it solves. It would gut school funding, cripple local services, and shift the burden onto working families through higher sales and income taxes.

I don't want to blow up the system. I want to fix it.

I want a tax system that is lean, local, and honest. One that protects families, rewards work, and keeps government focused on what matters most. My PIAT Plan is built on three pillars: targeted property tax relief, income-based tax equity, and transparency with local control.

The Three PIAT Pillars

Pillar 1: Targeted Property Tax Relief

I want to protect homeowners and renters without undermining the services our communities rely on. I want relief to go where it is needed most. I also want corporate landlords to contribute their fair share.

Here's what I'm fighting for:

- I want to expand the property tax circuit breaker to include renters and tie relief to income and household size.

- I want to modernize the homestead exemption by indexing it to county-level home values and expanding eligibility for low-income seniors.
- I want to create a Local Services Lockbox so property tax dollars stay in our communities and fund housing, utilities, and public safety.
- I want to apply a higher property tax rate to residential properties owned by corporate entities and LLCs.

Bottom line: I'm not trying to raise taxes. I'm working to make them fair, focused, and local.

Pillar 2: Income-Based Tax Equity

I want a tax system that rewards work, not wealth. I want to give communities the tools to invest in affordability without growing government for its own sake.

Here's what I'm working toward:

- I want a nonpartisan Tax Fairness Audit to identify and fix regressive loopholes.
- I want to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to 20 percent of the federal level and make it refundable.
- I want to give counties the option to adopt local income taxes, with voter approval, tied to affordability-linked offsets.

Bottom line: I want working Kentuckians to keep more of what they earn. I also want local governments to have the freedom to lead if their voters choose it.

Pillar 3: Transparency and Local Control

I want taxpayers to know where their money goes. I want them to trust that it stays close to home. I want accountability, not bureaucracy.

Here's what I'm committed to:

- I want to launch a statewide Property Tax Transparency Dashboard so every taxpayer can see how their dollars are spent.
- I want to require Affordability Impact Statements for all proposed tax legislation.
- I want to guarantee that new state revenue is reinvested in local infrastructure, education, and affordability initiatives.

Bottom line: I’m not asking anyone to pay more. I’m asking government to do better with what it already takes.

This plan does not just reform taxes. It reclaims them as a tool for local freedom, family stability, and fiscal honesty. If you believe in a future where families come first and local voices matter, I hope you’ll stand with me.