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BBB Warns Homeowners of Misleading Property Tax Letter

(Prescott, AZ – August 4, 2009) Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning Arizona residents to beware of misleading letters from an alleged Phoenix-based company called Property Tax Review Board (PTRB) that claims, for a fee of \$189, that they can help homeowners reduce their property tax bills for the 2009 tax year.

“These letters are designed to look as if they are coming from a government agency, but are nothing more than an attempt at charging Arizona residents for something they can easily do on their own for free,” Matthew Fehling, BBB President/CEO said.

The letters state that due to the drop in property values, residents need to file again for a reassessment of their 2009 property taxes. However, according to the Yavapai County Assessor’s Office, which released a public service announcement warning the public about PTRB, the deadline to file for an administrative review for a possible reduction for the 2009 tax year expired on March 31, 2008.

BBB advises consumers not to send checks, cash, credit card or bank account information to an unknown solicitor. Property owners who have questions about property values and taxes are advised to contact their County Assessor’s Office directly.

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