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Tax rebate not wise

To the editor:

Utah will be fortunate if it is found that the so-called "Tax Rebate Bill" is unconstitutional. The bill passed by the last Legislature would pay home owners and renters from "excess revenues" in the state general fund which is collected from sources other than the property tax.

Tax reductions are in order and will be welcomed but they should not be diminished by a retroactive process that is costly to administer.

Also, tax reductions should not be discriminatory. Commerce, industry, agriculture, mining and utilities pay property taxes but do not participate in the distribution of excess state revenues. To load heavier taxes on business, which can recover by raising prices, is hardly the way to fight inflation.

Proposition 13 has serious faults but at least it is not discriminatory to classes of taxpayers as is our "Excess Revenue Act".

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