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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW HOME!

First and foremost — congratulations!

Purchasing a home is one of the most important financial decisions you will ever make. We are honored that you chose to work with a REALTOR® to guide you through the process and protect your interests every step of the way.

As you celebrate today, we also want to share an important piece of information about your transaction.

Understanding the Delaware Realty Transfer Tax

Did you know?

Delaware has the highest state realty transfer tax in the United States. The state portion of the realty transfer tax is 2.5% of the purchase price. When county and municipal portions are included, the total transfer tax is typically 4% of the sale price — usually split between the buyer and seller.

In simple terms, it functions much like a sales tax on buying and selling a home.

Your Transaction Snapshot

Purchase Price: _____

Total Transfer Tax Paid on Transaction: _____

Have a Voice in Future Homeownership Costs

If you believe Delaware's realty transfer tax is too high, there is an easy way to share your experience with your elected officials.

The Delaware Association of REALTORS® has created a simple, step-by-step process to help homeowners communicate directly with their legislators.

Visit: delawarerealtor.com/statetransfertax

You'll find a pre-written letter that you can personalize in minutes by entering your purchase price and the transfer tax paid. It will take less than 2 minutes using the pre-filled information above. Lawmakers listen most carefully to real homeowners sharing real experiences.

Our goal is simple: to make homeownership more affordable and accessible for future buyers and sellers across Delaware. By speaking up, you can help ensure that future families have the same opportunity to achieve the American Dream.

Congratulations again on your transaction, and thank you for working with a REALTOR®.

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