

Apr 15, 2013

Representative Jason Conger  
State Capitol, Room H-477  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Conger,

Just this last November, I joined nearly a million other Oregonians and voted Yes on Measure 79. We did this to protect ourselves against higher taxes on our homes, and the ability of other families to attain the dream of homeownership.

But now I understand that you and many other members of the Oregon Legislature are considering raising taxes on us all over again by reducing the home mortgage interest tax deduction through HB 2456.

I find it appalling that you are now even considering removing this important tax deduction! This is the same thing as an income tax increase.

Homeownership is the backbone of strong communities and a vibrant, livable state. It's also really expensive. And every little bit of tax burden that you put on us makes it just that much harder to stay afloat.

Nearly 60 percent of Oregon voters sent you a resounding message last fall and I hope you respect their views by voting against HB 2456, and keep the home mortgage interest deduction in place.

Sincerely,

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