

Wallowa Valley Stay N Wash
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Senator Mark Hass

Dear Senator Hass,

We are writing in regards to SJR-3, a bill that would be devastating to the economy of Oregon and the budget of individual Oregonians.

We operate an RV park in Wallowa where most of our residents are retired, living on social security or disability income. Any increase of property taxes to us will need to be passed on to them.

We also have a retail sales business in Enterprise where the rent we pay would of course be raised by the property owner when property taxes are raised. An increase in rent cuts into dollars we use to employ our help, reducing employee hours. Oregon needs more, not less taxpayers.

Legislators are looking for ways to pay the bills; however, raising taxes in any way is regressive and penalizes all. Instead, please focus on what can increase the success of small businesses, the backbone of our economy.

Sincerely,

Jan & Lorraine Swift
Owners
Wallowa Valley Stay N Wash
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