

I've lived in Ashland, Talent and now Phoenix for a few decades and witnessed how our communities have become less affordable in recent years, even with having the Mortgage Interest Deduction in place.

This unaffordable-housing trend would only accelerate if that deduction is removed. Keeping it is an important part of finding ways to have diverse and vibrant communities, not limited to higher-income residents. The MID is an essential way to help families afford the homes they are in and to prevent additional families from being priced out of buying homes in the Rogue Valley.

We're currently being economically impacted by the pandemic and we also have less housing due to the fires. Let's not price even more people out of this appreciating housing market by removing the MID.

We look to you for your leadership to keep the Mortgage Interest Deduction intact and more families able to afford housing in the Rogue Valley.  
Thank you for your efforts to defeat this bill.

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