

I am writing this from my second home to tell you I support wholeheartedly SB 852, which would disallow for purposes of taxation the mortgage interest deduction for second homes. So many families, elders, and children, are unhoused, or severely "underhoused" in Oregon. It is time to take action that is more than a drop in the bucket. Please take away the mortgage interest deduction from second homes, including the one from which I am writing.

It's time to establish more equitable housing policies in this country and in this state. And we need to fund housing programs that support families with children in particular. Housing stability, which translates into educational stability, is one of the most important things we can do to support children. Our publicly funded housing programs are severely underfunded. Let's collect property taxes from second, third, and yes, fourth homes to support housing programs that provide stability for Oregonians.