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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201
To the Committee:

Public safety is an important and pressing issue in Oregon, but the solution is not more taxes and more spending. The solution is to lock up felons and keep them locked up instead of letting them go free without bail.

As for the concept of a state property tax: This is the worst proposal ever to come out of the Oregon legislature. HJR 201's unlimited taxing authority removes local control and will bankrupt Oregon's property owners. Period. Oregonians already pay higher taxes than citizens of most other states. HJR 201 removes Measure 5's Constitutional limits on property tax rates and Measure 50's assessment rates, with a few devious exceptions. In other words, politicians can raise both tax and assessment rates with impunity, and property owners will have no recourse. Seniors, disabled individuals and those living on a fixed income will be unable to keep up with these skyrocketing property tax rates/assessments and will likely lose their businesses, homes and farms. That's fact, not hyperbole. Oregon's economy is already teetering on the edge of a cliff; HJR 201 will push us right over the edge.

Please send this bill to the shredder.

Sincerely,

William Burt