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Good Afternoon,

I oppose this amendment as it will burden an already overtaxed citizenry just trying to stay financially afloat. The Oregon Constitution is NOT being followed as it is, and I am tired of having no voice in the future of my native home state.

It is under political mismanagement that this amendment has even come into being proposed. You have no business imposing a statewide property tax as you obviously have no clue how to balance a budget let alone keep businesses and industry alive in the state of Oregon. Instead of leadership which invests in sound support for industries and businesses we have leaders who have done everything to shut down and destroy this once thriving state (Portland is a good example of this). People are fleeing Oregon in droves. Instead of fantasy land taxpayer support for homeless, illegals and massive drug addled homeless flocking here for the 'free drugs' decriminalization lifestyle (costing untold \$\$\$\$ in EMS services and stretching them to the breaking point), how about building back up a solid taxpayer base citizenry by cleaning up the mess you have created (WITHOUT using MY tax dollars! I didn't support this lunacy!) and stop taxing the hardworking people of Oregon who are hanging on for dear life.

We have had massive closures of businesses and subsequent job losses due to draconian illegal covid mandates, untold losses due to closure of businesses through endless years of rioting with no legal consequences for the lawless, massive amounts of homeowners, business owners and renters pulling up stakes (bye bye taxpayers!) fleeing the high tax rates, joblessness and lawlessness. This appalling mess has been visited upon us all - no matter where we live in the state - due to current ruling politics. And now you want to dip your hands into MY pocketbook because you cannot balance a budget and think logically, rationally, soundly for the benefit of the people who pay your salaries? NO!

I have enough problems paying my own rising property taxes every year. As a senior I am faced with the reality of spending MY hard earned money on YOUR incompetency to do what is right to keep businesses open, job opportunities rising, emergency services running and NOT overburdened with putting out daily fires by homeless or 'rescuing' homeless over and over via Narcan so they can OD another day. Enough of this madness.

You are killing the state of Oregon in various sectors and through numerous 'policies'. If you want to ADD to the homeless problem - approve this amendment. If you want to drive more homeowners and businesses out of Oregon - pass this amendment. Good luck squeezing money out of people who have already been squeezed dry. This is absolute tyranny, plain and simple. You do not represent me nor do you represent the majority of citizens in Oregon. Stop circumventing the Oregon

Constitution, start using your brains or hire out if you cannot put together a budget and figure out where the obvious drains are coming from. Everyone else can see the where the problems are plain as day. NO to this entire amendment and anything remotely resembling it!