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On Behalf Of: Me
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

I am writing to you to express my opposition to HJR 201.

I am a widow, I am 70 years of age, I receive a pension. I live & worked in Salem for 51 years.

My monthly pension amount can only be stretched so far as all costs, including inflation, has risen more quickly than I can keep up.

Recently, the legislature, incorporated a .40 cent, per cell phone tax for the suicide prevention line, which coincides with Verizon raising their monthly rates by four dollars, & the added PGE 17% rate hike in January. In a timeframe of one month, I now have a \$28.80 increase in my monthly expenditure. My pension amount (cost of living) has not increased to meet this new obligation. What shall I give up....a few food items? lower my thermostat down to 65 degrees? travel less? Stop buying gasoline?

Small & large businesses in Salem & cities/town across Oregon once thriving are closing up as heavy tax burdens are placed leaving skeletons of empty buildings.

I don't want to see my beautiful Salem & cities / towns across Oregon become more crippled & placing all Oregon citizens at further risk of losing their houses because this HJR 201 will certainly cause a domino effect.

I strongly oppose HJR 201.