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On Behalf Of:
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Hello,

Please do not enact a statewide property tax! Our taxes in West Salem are already high and Oregon overall has some of the highest tax rates in the nation, particularly income tax! Property owners shouldn't be punished with higher taxes just because the government can't balance a checkbook! I am a disabled veteran who was lucky enough to purchase my home 13 years ago. I get a discount from Polk county on my property taxes because of my veteran status. If I didn't have that discount it would be very difficult for my family! I can't afford an increase in taxes! Please don't make us homeowners pay for your budget problems! Here's an idea: you know the huge surplus of "kicker" money you guys give back every year? How about changing the laws so you can tap that revenue stream? Or maybe siphon off more Cannabis money? Or maybe stop enabling the thousands of homeless people that keep showing up in Oregon because they get so many handouts?

Whatever you decide to do please DO NOT initiate a statewide property tax system. Instead maybe stop handing out money like it grows on trees! We all have to balance our budgets, that includes the government! Please do better, for all our sakes!

Thank you for your time,

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