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Good day to all who are taking the time to read my statement. My name is Landon, I am a surgeon's assistant. I reside in the town of Dallas. I am writing to the legislature in opposition of the measure to allow the state to increase property taxes once again.

The state of Oregon already has one of the highest income taxes in the union. This, coupled with our federal income tax already takes a huge toll on most Oregonians. Most of us are not rich. Most of us do not have the tax knowledge to find the loopholes the allow us to give the government less money. Most of us have no interest in allowing the government to take more of our hard earned money.

The state of Oregon has proven to the people time and time again that it is not capable of enforcing law and morality. Most notably during the riots in 2020. Due to the state's ineptitude, or downright malice, the people were subjected to riots from a small minority of people who were bent on destruction without care to their fellow citizens. One may be able to forgive law enforcement and the state for not tackling the situation overnight. But 2 months of rioting in Portland every night? This has proven to the people the state has no right to tax us even further to provide funding to the law enforcement they will not use to better the community. Not to mention the Multnomah County DA having repeat offenders on a "catch and release program".

If the state of Oregon would like to clean up its image and the streets, they should start by enforcing the laws on the books, and creating new ones that deter people from hurting their community in the name of "social justice". The state has the problems it does due to allowing the problems to exist. The west coast has a reputation for homelessness, for crime, for drug use. This was not an act of God that got us here. This is due to the legislature. This is due to poor decision making at the capitol. This is due to immoral and illogical laws allowing criminals to get away with their crimes.

When the state of Oregon is able to clean up the mess it's made by its own legislature, when they are able to clean up the streets, when they right their wrongs and still need help, at that point I will fully support a tax increase. Until then, Oregon has no right to create a problem and then want to take my hard earned money to fix the mistake.