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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing in opposition of your statewide property tax measure that is supposedly to support public safety. You haven't defined public safety and this is a slippery slope. The public has no idea of what this tax will fund. For example you now define housing as healthcare under Medicaid. That is a stretch and the public will end up paying for something it never agreed to fund. Real property is already taxed at the county level and this tax should already be providing public safety. The citizens shouldn't be taxed twice for the same same service. It also appears the tax will cover more than just real property, so now we will be taxed on our cars, 401K's or whatever else the greedy legislature decides to tax. The state needs to learn to live within its means. The legislature's solution is ALWAYS to increase taxes. I don't think there has ever been a time that you thought you had enough. Start operating like every citizen of this state and live within your means. I can't think of a better way to encourage the exodus from this state than to impose more taxes on property. The only people who will stay are those without the means to leave and you will be left with homeless and renters and low wage workers. Maybe that's your goal.