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

Dear Oregon legislators,

I cannot stress enough the hardship that will be done if this measure passes. The voting will of the larger cities will dominate the world of rural communities, and not only lead to countless businesses closing (decreasing tax revenue), but also residential home sales, values, And an increased exodus from the state (also decreasing tax revenue). The will of the “elites“ cannot and should not dominate the implications for the entire state.

If specific counties and jurisdictions want to initiate programs that require tax revenue for funding, then they should be able to do so if they wish. But that is based upon the will of the voters in that municipality, not the will of people who are hundreds of miles away, and do not understand the economics that goes into living in a different area of the state. My home is in Portland, my business in downtown Portland. I already pay a significant portion into Multnomah taxes, many of which I am not in favor of. However, I continue to make this, my home, understanding that I have chosen to reside and own business in these areas out of choice. I would not request somebody from Pendleton, or Astoria, pay for the choices that I have made. Farms, specifically, in rural communities, should not have to pay for my choices.

Thank you for your consideration,

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