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Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HJR201

Hello. I'm writing in opposition of HJR 201.

Repeal Measure 110 and it would be a good start to public safety.

HJR 201 would:

1. We already pay higher taxes than most states, which is sad in and of itself.
2. Removing current local control over property taxes doesn't make sense to anyone except a career politician. The PEOPLE must be allowed to weigh in on what is happening in their own backyard. In no way should people with no vested interest in a local area have any say or sway over what occurs regarding property taxes. Locals are much better at recognizing and addressing issues.
3. Removing current Constitutional limits on property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) is particularly obnoxious. When did people in Salem become unaccountable to the voters? You must always be accountable to us, and face us in your re-election bids, justifying and defending your work.
4. Property tax increases around the US are destroying neighborhoods, communities, cities and towns. Isn't that enough of a track record to have you reconsider this measure?
5. Whether we own or rent our homes, we are subject to the whims and vagaries of politicians who want to fund their pet schemes. This above all is not to be tolerated. You should act only as the federal and state Constitutions bid you, no more, no less.