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

Members of the Committee,

HJR 201 is nothing more than a wealth tax. It doesn't matter if one has a little wealth or a lot of wealth, this resolution, if it becomes law, will tax it all. The text of this resolution is clear. The voters are being asked to approve a tax on everything they own; real estate, cars, bank accounts, retirement accounts, pets, tools, furniture and everything else.

This brings to mind the lyrics of the Beatles' song, The Taxman (slightly modified):  
"...Should Point two five percent appear too small, Be thankful I don't take it all  
'Cause I'm the taxman Yeah, I'm the taxman If you drive a car, I'll tax the street, If  
you try to sit I'll tax your seat, If you get too cold I'll tax the heat, If you take a walk I'll  
tax your feet 'Cause I'm the taxman, Yeah, I'm the taxman..."

Why would the voters approve such an Orwellian tax? I sure it will be sold as a tax on the rich or that it is so small as to not be noticed. Reality is that this resolution would create a massive new bureaucracy that will be tasked with discovering ALL Oregonians' assets and levying the tax accordingly.

Please kill this monstrosity.

Respectfully