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

Dear House Committee,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on HJR 201. Oregonians already pay higher taxes than most states. This bill removes current local control over property taxes from Counties/Cities, allowing new statewide property taxes without limits. You would be removing current Constitutional limits on our property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) which puts seniors, the disabled and other limited income Oregonians out of their homes as property taxes become limitless. Oregonians are already facing the struggle of living day to day. Inflation, cost of living, taxes and for those of us that have to pay for our own healthcare. We pay nearly \$1800 a month and that is at the highest deductible, \$50 copay's and required to pay 30% of everything. Our streets are filled with the homeless and many of my friends are moving out for cheaper grounds. Our government seems to think that throwing money at things solves every problem but look at the track record of doing that. Crime is up, education sucks, homelessness is high, streets are full of potholes, it's too expensive to live here, and the drug problem. We pay some of the highest taxes and still we are worse than ever. Please stop, please! Step back and really look at what this bill will do.

Thank you for your time,
Michele Normand