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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HJR201

I am absolutely shocked that Oregon's legislators could even consider HJR 201! Will the hardworking Oregonians ever be respected enough to be given a break? We pay very high property taxes already and now you want to add more to our burden? Since we moved to our home eight years ago, our property tax has gone up about \$4,000 ... so much of an increase that my husband and I will have to face some important decisions if it continues! We are retired and on a fixed income. Do we sell our home and move out of state? Do we rent? Property taxes already hit seniors and disabled people very hard - and, at our age, we aren't able to increase what we earn! We aren't wealthy. We are simply middle class Oregonians, trying to keep our heads above water. You may as well propose a bill to throw seniors and disabled out of their homes! As a matter of fact, this bill is going to make housing more unaffordable than it already is, for younger first time home buyers!

Legislators have created this mess - defunding the police, allowing drugs to run rampart on our streets, and on and on! Now they want money to clean up THEIR mess? NO! When will legislators be responsible adults and use the money they already get from Oregonians in a responsible way?

Endless taxation, with no limits??? We are not alone in how we feel. People are hurting in this state, and that is the remedy legislators come up with? It takes hard work to come up with real solutions. Please find a way to more efficiently use the money the state already takes from us, rather than reach into our pockets again! We don't have an endless supply. Please don't force us out of our homes and possibly out of the state.

Sincerely,

Ms. W. Young