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On Behalf Of:
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I respectfully ask that you do not allow a state property tax. Oregon is already becoming an unaffordable state for many to live in and we are losing a great deal of our native Oregonians for other parts of the country or world. The addition of a state property tax will quickly kill our real estate market, dramatically decreasing our property values.

I appreciate that public safety is a priority, but you, our state leaders, have not shown that same priority; instead you enable the wrongful spending of funds already designated for public safety, and the policies related to protecting our citizens have also failed. Adding more public safety officers who are still hampered from doing their jobs will not solve the problem. Stiffer laws that are enforced are the beginning to the change we need; actually supporting our existing officers so they are appreciated and are less likely to quit is just as important. Stop spending designated funds on unrelated projects. Invest existing funds in the safety of our citizens rather than crippling us with new or increased taxes.