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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Dear Honorable Legislators,

Living and working in one of the lowest wage earning counties in the State, I am keenly aware of the cost of housing in our area. Most working residents find homeownership out of their reach and the cost of rent has skyrocketed. The addition of another tax will only exacerbate this issue, possibly adding to the incidence of crime. Crime has already increased due to the proliferation of now legal drug use and the high cost of living, but additional taxation won't solve the problem. Re-criminalizing hard drugs and theft, backing the police, who put their lives on the line every day, and allowing small businesses to thrive so that jobs are more readily available is what our legislature should be focusing on. This tax is a BAD idea, placing the burden squarely on the citizenry for the errant decisions of a few. There needs to be repercussions for criminal behavior, not throwing more money at a Bureaucratic Crime Committee.