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I was born and raised in Oregon...lived here my whole life 76 years old. I watched Oregon go from a balanced state politically to essentially single party rule. It is unfair for city/metropolitan leadership to pass extremely harsh tax bills "targeted" in nature. Do us rural folks lose out simply because we don't have the numbers? Why are we no longer putting tax issues on the ballot? When did we become a totalitarian state?

Where is the accountability for budget shortfalls? It's not the citizens responsibility to counter with increasing taxes (without being heard at the ballot box) The cost of living in this state has escalated from moderate to very high. There is no balance of power between the three branches when they seem to be all working together to undermine the livelihoods of many citizens? Political control vs the citizens voice.

My wife and I, native Oregonians, her in Astoria , me in the upper Hood River Valley....We both got jobs in Portland at early adulthood, But country living was in our blood and we decided to change our location and our subsequent lifestyles back to our roots. So we took on, probably the harder course of, homesteading raw land in Columbia County.. We cleared land, made a road,,put in a water supply, built a home, all while commuting 65 miles to each day to Portland for our jobs. Maybe you could call it our Oregon dream? We are now retired and mistakenly thinking our government has our back....Instead government in Oregon keeps moving away from it's responsible citizens who have worked their whole lives independently motivated by hard work and a desire to self-sustain.

The politics in this state is shameful and has taken such a sharp left turn that it no longer has the balance it needs to make it whole. I was once proud to say I was from Oregon, but now am ashamed to be associated with California and Washington as the "coastal elites". Oregon's culture in the past was a mixture of rural and metropolitan respect only to be morphed into something that reeks of outside influence and cash flow importation.

this proposal is a disgrace and should be treated as such.....Such a beautiful state of natural diversity, ruined by political posturing.