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We urgently have to stop the Trump tax scam from siphoning billions more dollars out of our local economy for the benefit of financial criminals like Trump and his cronies. The expansion of so-called "opportunity zones" in Oregon will create more opportunities for financial criminals like Trump to park their ill-gotten loot in speculative real estate investments in Portland and other cities tax free. The results will cause further devastation to our local economy, accelerating the already skyrocketing costs of rents while further plundering public revenues needed for vital health, safety, and welfare purposes required by our citizens. Please pass HB 2144 now!

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All will come again into its strength:  
the fields undivided, the waters undammed,  
the trees towering and the walls built low.  
And in the valleys, people as strong and varied as the land.  
- Rainer Maria Rilke, from *Book of Hours: Love Poems to God*