

11 March 2021

To: House Committee on Housing

Re: House Bill 2578

Dear Chair Representative Smith Warner, Vice-Chairs Representatives Drazan and Holvey, and members of the Committee:

I do not have mortgage interest payments for any residence including my principle residence but I am still opposed to HB 2578 and urge the Committee to table it promptly.

HB 2578 is basically and simply yet another way for the state to wheedle its way further into our pockets by eliminating a deduction on earned income.

Contrary to the words of Justice Holmes, taxation is the price we pay for failing to build a civilized society. The higher the tax level, the greater the failure. The totalitarian state, which Oregon appears to be heading towards, represents the defeat of a civilized society. A voluntary society would represent its success.

So, just who are the beneficiaries of House Bill 2578?

Again, I urge you to table HB 2578.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner