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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201
Sir/Madam:

I write to strongly oppose new HJR 201. As it is, Oregon already ranks 18th (highest) in property taxes across the 50 states, and 3rd in income tax. Respectfully, the State needs to finally focus on cutting spending instead of adding to our tax burden. "Public safety" of course sounds good in the abstract, but there was a time not all that long ago when we had decent public safety within the constraints of fiscal prudence on the part of the State.

In addition, this bill strikes me as being a fairly overt effort to thwart the will of Oregonians to limit tax burdens, as confirmed in current Constitutional tax limitations, because it (effectively) removes current Constitutional limits on property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) through nuanced exceptions.

Thank you.

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