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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Members of the House Committee on Rules,

I am greatly distressed that this type measure is even being considered. Our great country and state is founded on freedom from government and we do not need the government to overstep its bounds. If Portland wants to increase its security forces then Portland should pay for it. The following are several of the reasons why this measure has no part in Oregon:

- We can't afford it! Oregonians already pay higher taxes than most states.
- Removes current local control over property taxes from Counties/Cities by allowing new statewide property tax scheme without limits.
- This would allow Portland politicians to raise property taxes on rural Oregonians for their reckless spending.
- Removes current Constitutional limits on property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) with sneaky exceptions.
- Risk throwing seniors, the disabled and other limited income Oregonians out of their homes as property taxes become limitless.
- HJR 201 would be a referral to voters, because that is the only way politicians can remove/tinker with current Constitutional property tax limits that protect home owners.

Kindest regards,
Lee