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I OPPOSE HJR 201. The citizens of Oregon have already voted on how they want to pay their property taxes. There are constitutional limits on increases, and taxes are calculated on a county/local basis. HJR 201 is meant to circumvent the will of the voters, and that is wrong and evil. My husband and I bought our house in 2010 and our property taxes were \$4840. Fourteen years later, they are \$7043. Our taxes increase the maximum that is permitted, go figure. We owe almost \$600 a month rent to the county! And that is WITH LIMITS on raising taxes. Can't wait to see what my "RENT" will be with HJR 201.

We have a friend who has retired from the Air Force. His income is limited due to his pension, and his social security. He can't afford to buy the common pickup truck he would really like and need. He is paying a mortgage on a small house, and property taxes. If HJR 201 happens, his tight budget is going to be even more screwed up. This is how Oregon wants to treat our veterans and those on fixed incomes? Good Lord!

The fact that HJR 201 is going to the public for a vote is no consolation to me. The emotional, snake oil wording that the Secretary of State will allow to sell SJR 201 to the sheeple, will be all it takes for the State to start taxing property owners in Oregon to death. Literally, it will kill us. Those of us with rental properties won't be allowed to charge higher rents to keep up with property tax increases, because Oregon has tied our hands with rent increase limits.

Supposedly the State Property Tax money is for public safety. There are already budgets for public safety. I can't help it that some counties are so stupid that they defunded public safety. And that the idiot voters of Oregon really believed that decriminalizing drugs was going to be okay. And that Oregon is a sanctuary state for illegals and druggies and bums, who come from all over the country to squat in Oregon. Other state literally bus their bums to Oregon in case you were unaware. We don't need a State Property Tax to pay for public safety. We need to roll back to the days when there were laws, and consequences for breaking laws.

The tax base in Oregon is shrinking, because people are leaving by the thousands. Taxing the living hell out of the rest of us isn't the answer. I can't leave, I farm--or I would pull up anchor tomorrow. Throwing more money at problems isn't working. There are no positive results from the gross amounts of money being spent by the government of Oregon. I am fed up with what is happening in Oregon, and the specter of a State Property Tax is alarming. I don't know what the end goal of the

ruling class in Oregon is, it's truly confounding why our elected officials are purposely destroying the people they claim to represent. Please, no SJR 201, this concept will only make Oregon's problems worse.