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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HJR201

To Whom it May Concern,

This State property tax on all real property and all personal property.

"The fact is, property is a tree; income is the fruit; labour is a tree; income the fruit; capital, the tree; income the 'fruit.' The fruit, if not consumed (severed) as fast as it ripens, will germinate from the seed... and will produce other trees and grow into more property; but so long as it is fruit merely, and plucked (severed) to eat... it is no tree, and will produce itself no fruit.

The point being made is that the tree (private property, land, wages, salaries, compensation) is NOT taxable, while the "fruit" (or "income" FROM said property or wages) of the tree CAN possibly be taxed, (but only according to constitutional provisions). Tax upon income derived from, say, rental property, CAN be taxed, but ONLY according to the Constitution, because the tax does NOT diminish "tree," the principal, or lessen the value of the person or property. Property taxation diminishes the "tree" itself, (the wealth of the person) thereby creating a possible situation where the tree could disappear because of the tax.

I oppose this bill.