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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SJR201

PLEASE VOTE NO to this plan to keep taking more and more from taxpayers and homeowners..

I am strongly opposed to your attempt to increase taxes through a statewide property tax for "safety". This bill shouldn't see the light of day.

I'm bothered by the fact that you are spending time trying to identify more ways to tax the taxpayers rather than focusing on using the current rules and laws to enforce safety. You don't need more money to start holding people accountable for public safety. We can be certain that any monies you collect won't ultimately be used for safety. Our legislature has earned a reputation for saying one thing and doing another. And taxes never go down. You just keep spending my hard earned money. This is in addition to the property tax we already pay to a County. Why doesn't the bill state the tax amount? What is the anticipated cost to taxpayers? Where is your Fiscal Statement?

You wonder why housing costs are going up? Why rental costs are going up? You indicate a desire to lower the cost of housing, but then raise property taxes! How does that achieve any goal (other than giving the state more money to mis-spend). This claims to be for "Safety". For safety of what? For safety of whom?

I understand that this will be referred to the voters for the next regular election, but you are wrong to even go down this path. Between the CAT, new Paid Leave (through payroll taxes, another example of tax abuse!), and other taxes that we already pay, it is disheartening that you think you need more and more and more. This state misuses the taxpayers' money consistently.