

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO OREGON'S REPRESENTATIVES WHO HELP MAKE VERY IMPORTANT DECISIONS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I have been a citizen of Oregon since 1953. I have been working all of my life to and have enjoyed my government for a long time. I am now 71 Years old, and I am opposed to this new measure or amendment HJR 201.

It is important to note that it will be very difficult for me as I am now considered an elderly person that needs to ration out my funds. Someday I could be homeless, see below.

1. My monthly property tax obligation now is approximately \$500.00 per month.
2. Health Insurance is \$300.00 per month.
3. Property home insurance \$100.00 per month.
4. Water and sewer for residence in Milwaukie \$120.00 per month
5. Gas for heat and stove winter months \$119.00 per month
6. Electrical lights \$60.00 per month
7. gas for auto for general use \$200.00 per month
8. Auto Insurance per month \$100.00 per month
9. Groceries and food and coffee and tea and milk \$400.00 per month
10. FORGOT CHARITY GIVING \$250.00 PER MONTH
11. I hope that I have not left any line items out. You may be able to compare my expenses to your own. Total above came to \$1899.00 I am receiving \$2321 per month in Social Security. That leaves me \$422 per month for in case I forgot a line item, for an emergency. I worked very hard as a blue collar worker all my life. What happens when I am taxed out of my home and I may need to go to the streets to live. How can you all say you want to make Affordable living affordable. Deal with what you have. I did, all my life.
12. From an elderly Tax Payer Bill Whitford

about HJR 201 " The removal of current local control from Counties /Cities and allowing a new statewide property tax scheme without limits."

Removal of the current Constitutional laws which limit property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) would be disastrous to all property owners! We are the tax-paying people who pay for everything through our property taxes. Our tax bill is extremely high and is continually raised every year! Our taxes pay for the schools that are failing the children even though the funding is plentiful. The government needs to spend the money it collects appropriately and stop robbing the hard-working taxpayer. We have elected you to be a voice of the people. We do not want to be taxed out of our homes which we have paid for through hard work and fiscal sacrifices. The more taxes the government imposes on its taxpayers leaves less money to spend in other aspects of life for example, charitable giving, and goods & services of businesses that are attempting to survive in this over-regulated and over-taxed environment. The most disturbing aspect of this tax incentive is that it will be throwing seniors, the disabled, and other limited-income Oregonians out of their homes as property taxes become limitless. We already have a homelessness problem and raising taxes will add to this ever-increasing problem.