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Measure: HJR201

Please vote NO on HJR 201. We DO NOT need more property tax. My husband and I were born in Oregon and have lived here most our lives, but as we get closer to retirement age, we are seriously considering we may not be able to stay here with the high cost of living and property taxes. There are a lot of people in the same position. There are also a lot of young people that can't even afford a home and all the property taxes that come with it, or who are struggling with high rents (which will go even higher as the landlords have to raise them to cover higher taxes). And why should rural areas have to pay higher property taxes that will go to mismanaged areas like the big cities? We've had enough. This used to be a beautiful, safe, and affordable place to live. But the government officials are making decisions that are bad for Oregonians. They take our money and waste it on their pet projects and radical programs that are squelching people's freedom and ability to live affordably. They make decisions that restrict property owners' rights, decisions that make no sense, that do not allow Oregon farms and businesses to thrive, and do nothing except cause crime and lawlessness to increase. The Oregon government can't even adequately manage the highway funds when they say they are out of money to clear ice and snow off the roads once or twice a year. Why should we give them more money to mismanage? What is the objective of the authors of this bill--to drive as many people out of Oregon as possible? You lose too many people, and there won't be enough income to fund anything. What do you want to do, bankrupt the state and expect a bailout from the federal government? That would not be fair to the states which do properly manage their funds. and you would lose even more freedom as you'd have to bow to the requirements dictated by a federal bailout. You cannot keep burdening the citizens of Oregon with more taxes. Vote NO.