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I, Stephanie Watson, cannot afford to pay higher property taxes due to the extreme surge in prices for food and goods from inflation, and already high taxes that have increased on most other house based costs such as property insurance. I do not want our counties or cities to lose control over property taxes to non local agencies. I do not want limits of property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) removed. I do not want to risk throwing seniors, disabled, or other limited income Oregonians out of their homes due to limitless property taxes. HJR 201 will centralize control over Oregonians and grow the government by creating an administrative authority that doesn't represent the local communities, each county/city with it's own financial demographics. I personally have witnessed my community members already struggling to afford basic necessities, this will only exacerbate issues. Homelessness is already an underfunded ever growing issues, and this will only further exacerbate the issue. Why should we be paying more taxes when we are currently experiencing cuts from all areas, and receive less as a result. There is nothing to gain here but more debt.