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HB 4072 City of Salem Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes-Support

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Walters, Vice-Chair Reschke and members of the committee

The Legislative Committee of the Marion County Democratic Central Committee fully endorses the creation of a payment in lieu of taxes for the city of Salem.

Our property tax system is broken. Ballot Measure 5 followed by BM47/50 in the 1990's have created a system that creates uneven taxation of property and inadequate funding for local governments who provide many local services including police and fire. Since the BM 5 cap of \$10 for all local government per thousand is frozen cities do not have the buying power they had in the 1990's.

The proposal of the state providing an in-lieu payment is not new. The state makes in lieu payments to transit agencies and has done so since the initial agreement with Salem Area Mass Transit District (Cherriots).

We urge you to be good neighbors and help the city of Salem provide for our mutual citizens.

Marcia Kelley

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