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On Behalf Of:
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Equitable Tax Contributions for a Better Oregon

Maintaining and improving the culture and environment of Oregon requires significant investment in infrastructure, housing, health, and education. As a resident, I am willing to pay my fair share to ensure these essential services are available and accessible to all. It is only fair that each resident contributes according to their means, so I write in opposition to HB 2301.

It is unreasonable to expect that the costs of maintaining and improving our state should fall disproportionately on those with modest incomes, while wealthier individuals contribute relatively less. Those with income and/or property worth more than a million dollars should not be offered tax breaks. They should pay an amount that reflects both their ability to pay and the benefits they derive from the state's infrastructure and services.

With an estimated \$300 million added to the state coffers when those taxes are collected, we can make significant strides toward our goal of a better Oregon. That should be the obligation of each resident, without exceptions.

Respectfully,
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