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I support this measure to freeze property taxes for seniors. Being a senior I know how difficult it is to deal with property taxes while living on social security. Our home of 40 years is in jeopardy of having to be sold due to escalating property taxes causing us to consider moving out of state to deal with the economic impact on our lives. We've watched our elderly neighbor lose her home due to the loss of her husband and not being able to keep up with these oppressive taxes. She had to sell her home at a ridiculous fire sale price in order to survive the impacts of taxes, rising utilities, and maintenance costs. This is just not right. It is especially so considering the numbers of states that have tax laws protecting their seniors. I and my wife implore the state legislature to pass a bill freezing property taxes as soon as possible and retroactive for several years as well. We don't want to leave our home here in Oregon, but with the oppressive tax situation on both properties and on estate death taxes we may have to do this. Again, it is just not right and is unAmerican in my opinion. Thank you.