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I am in strong opposition to HB 2025. Many residents of this state are already struggling to afford to survive, and this litany of proposed taxes could very well make or break their ability to survive. It is astonishing how many new taxes are proposed in this bill. It appears that anything that everything that moves and everything that stands still should be taxed. And this is only one bill! Add to it the many other proposed tax increases and this is not sustainable for the people of this state. And if it is not sustainable for the people, it is not sustainable for the state,

These proposed tax increases are extremely regressive in nature and will hit lower income residents the hardest. Any argument that many of these taxes are to be levied on commercial operations and not individuals are naive and ultimately inaccurate. Those taxes WILL be passed on to individuals in the form of cost increases; thus the individual residents are ultimately going to bear the brunt of the increases. That is, of course, these businesses don't decide to simply relocate elsewhere, leaving the residents with decreased services on top of increased taxes.

We the taxpayers have to live within our means. We can't extort money from others if we don't have enough to pay for what we want. And that is exactly what this bill is. Extortion of more funds from taxpayers to cover the out of control spending of state agencies.

Why don't we try cutting the waste and making government more efficient, and maybe most importantly, why don't we stop funding programs that never should have been the "responsibility" of the state in the first place?

In short, why don't we try to be responsible adults instead of this continual cycle of overspending and then demanding more money from the taxpayers,

This is a BAD bill. Anyone who votes for it should be summarily voted out of office, because you are clearly out of touch with the real world and definitely not looking out for the best interests of your constituents. And SHAME ON YOU for supporting this bill!