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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Laura Deehan

Item #

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Comment:

To members of the Board of Equalization, Thankyou for the opportunity to speak up on this critical issue. I urge you to support Proposition 15 and putting schools and communities first. This measure would finally close a loophole that is costing our society heavily. As one of the wealthiest communities in the world, the fact that our schools can't provide basic education to students, or serve families experiencing poverty is absurd. Companies who have benefited from our state must pay their fair share. Proposition 15 would reclaim \$12 billion every year for our schools and local services by closing corporate property tax loopholes -- all while protecting homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agriculture. The Board of Equalization has an important role to play in ensuring that Prop 15 is implemented effectively, and that it is fully enforced. We call on the Board of Equalization to rise to the occasion of implementing a change that Californians like me and my family have needed for a very long time. I am asking you to support Prop. 15 — a fair and balanced reform to put our Schools & Communities First. Sincerely, Laura Deehan, parent and public health advocate, Oakland