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Comment:

My name is Melinda Luisa de Jesús and I am a parent, homeowner, and educator in Oakland, California. I support Proposition 15 for numerous reasons, including that it will provide much-needed funding for public education, including K-12 and community colleges, and for community necessities such as affordable housing to address our homelessness crisis. These issues are important to me as a parent and also as a college professor who has witnessed first-hand how decades of underfunding of California public education have greatly undermined the American dream of a diverse, informed and engaged people. 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 implement 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, Melinda Luisa de Jesús, PhD Rockridge