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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Star Lightner and I am a parent, homeowner, and small business owner 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 who has had to spend a lot of my life fundraising for local schools because they are so woefully underfunded (not to mention extremely inequitably funded), while my kids cannot understand why our communities are unable to fund solutions to issues like the ever-increasing homelessness all around us. 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, Star Lightner, Attorney, Oakland