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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Mike Mages I am a senior in Oakland, CA. I support Proposition 15 because it will provide essential funding for schools and libraries and undo a gaping loophole in our tax code that is effectively a gift to wealthy corporations at the expense of equity and education. For the last eleven years I have been an organizer and founder of Ride for a Reason in Oakland. We have raised over a million dollars for Oakland schools in the past eleven years. But unfortunately this is just a bandaid to the enormous needs of our schools. Corporations should not be getting enormous tax breaks at the cost of education for our future generation. It is an abomination that this has continued for so many years. I fully support Prop 15 and all that it stands for! 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 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, Mike Mages