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Comment:

My name is Eve Sheehan. I am an Oakland resident, small business employee, and OUSD parent. I support Proposition 15 for numerous reasons, including that it will provide muchneeded funding for public education. 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, and as a local businessperson who receives dozens of requests for donations from local public schools. Due to the pandemic, for the first time in 50 years our stores will not be able to donate to our local schools. It's heartbreaking. And beyond time for corporations to step up! 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. Thank you.

