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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Comment:

My name is Kirsten Benjamin. I am a parent in Berkeley. I support Proposition 15 because it will provide funding for PUBLIC EDUCATION, INCLUDING K-12 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES. This is important to me because we need to invest in the future of our state workforce, by teaching and training the future employees and entrepreneurs who will keep our state's economy and people thriving. Education and young people represent our future, and we need to invest in them to ensure the future health of our economy, provide economic opportunities, level the playing field, and provide good jobs to keep people away from crime and "deaths of despair." 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, Kirsten Benjamin, biotech vice president, Berkeley