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Comment:

My name is Ayla Frost. I am a student Oakland, California. I support Proposition 15 because it will will redirect funding towards public education and community services. This is important to me because as a recent graduate of Oakland Public Schools, I have experienced firsthand school-wide paper shortages, outdated textbooks (and some that never arrive) and rumors about teachers living out of their cars because they can't afford to live in the Bay Area on a teacher's salary. I have watched zealous teachers and principals arrive promising to be the change this school needed, only to leave a few years later, to work at a private school with a better salary. I have been in classes where teachers never show up, or leave and never come back and just about everyone I know has a similar story. I know how hard it is to navigate a school struggling with funding, and I know the kids in my community would be far better served if their education was a priority. 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, Ayla Frost, Student, Oakland