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Comment:

My name is Heather Kuiper and I am a California native whose education spanned the pre- and post-Prop 13 eras, so I experienced firsthand the rapid and utter devastation of our once outstanding public education system, once vibrant cities, parks, libraries, and cultural programs. I support Proposition 15 for numerous reasons, including its restoration of a desperately needed portion of funding for schools and communities. I also support it because it is smart business. For California to remain competitive, it needs to be a place that people want to live, with quality public amenities, education, and services. Prop 15 will allow that California to return to that quality of life that now more than ever determines people's choice of residence. Additionally, for California to be competitive, it needs to produce an educated, capable population, which requires investment in our education and community services. Prop 15 reinvests at a level that will make genuine headway in making California a place of equitable and generative capacity, not one that is, as it is now, plagued by entrenched problems and inequities. 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.