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Comment:

To the California Board of Equalization, As the parent of 2 children in Oakland public schools and an Oakland homeowner, I urge you to support Proposition 15. 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. Opponents will try to scare the public and government officials by saying that it will drive businesses out of California, or hurt landlords, agriculture and small businesses. In fact, small businesses, agricultural enterprises and property owners are exempt from the new rules. It will only affect large businesses, which have been benefiting from being in California and not paying their fair share of taxes for over 40 years. Meanwhile, California schools and public services have suffered and low and middle income Californians have paid the price. The Board of Equalization will play an important role in ensuring that Prop 15 is implemented effectively and fully enforced. We call on the Board of Equalization to support Prop. 15 — a fair and balanced reform to fund our schools & communities first. Thank you, Kathie Rhodes