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Chair Nathanson and committee,

Since the 1930's the state of Oregon has historically increased it's property tax burden on those who are most vulnerable and have the most to lose, the elderly. As time march's on, those who can no longer continue to work come face to face with the fact that due to increased taxation and inflation, their fixed income can no longer cover the cost of food, medication, utilities, and increasing property taxes. Sadly enough it is their medication and food bill that go first as the inevitable confiscation of ones property due to unpaid back taxes is unthinkable to those who have raised their family in that home.

It is manifest that every property owning Oregonian over the age of 65 would support this bill should they be asked their opinion.

Therefore,

Since representative taxation is the backbone of American Constitutionalism, and, since you are the representative of elderly Oregonians, then opposition to this bill by you while other states are decreasing their tax burden on elderly Americans will send a signal to every retiring Oregonian leaving them with one of two choices; sell their home and leave the state, or become politically active in order to achieve a constitutionally representative result.

It will be said; "We cannot give tax amnesty to every person who we represent!" which would be true if tax amnesty was the result, however, the majority of those receiving this 5% reduction will no longer be living in their home in twenty years. These are the people who for the last forty five years plus have funded and continue to fund Oregon's government. Is it not time to give them some reprieve?

Thank you for your time.
Joseph and Carrie Cason