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On Behalf Of:
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Good day, members of the House Committee on Revenue.

My name is Steven Ely, I'm 70 years old, and we've lived in Oregon our whole life. I'm here to speak in favor of HB 3755, the bill that would give seniors like me a property tax exemption on our primary homes.

We have been in our house for 45 years—raised our kids there, paid off the mortgage, and made it our own. We are on Social Security now, and it's enough to get by, but the property taxes keep going up. Last year, they took a bigger chunk of our budget than we expected, and it's getting harder to manage. We don't want to sell my home—We'd like to stay where we are, in Oregon, close to our neighbors and our routine.

HB 3755 would help with that. A tax exemption for folks 65 and older would ease the pressure a bit. It's not about asking for too much—just a little relief so I can keep living in the place I've worked for. I know the state has to balance its books, but I think this could make a real difference for people in my shoes without causing too much trouble.

I appreciate you submitting this change, it shows you are thinking about us seniors. I'd just ask you to support HB 3755 so I, and others like me, can stay in our homes a little easier.

Thank you for listening.

Steve