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I own a couple of buildings and this year every time I think we are financially getting ahead we get another tax bill. It is getting ridiculous. Please try to use the funds you have more efficiently instead of increasing the money I have to put in. Don't keep making programs we don't have money to pay for, if you need to make a new program cut a different one or reallocate to make room. Pretty soon my husband and I won't be able to afford the cost of our purchase that we bought, fixed, and are trying to maintain. We're actually in the process of donating part of our lot we recently purchased to our city for a public park, the two reasons, taxes and maintenance are pulling us down financially. In a few years when our investment starts bringing in more money we could be able to hold onto it, right now we can't so we are shedding some property weight.

We almost didn't purchase the new property we relocated our business to because of the property taxes associated with it. We took a gamble and put a lot on money into our building and we are holding on but if something big comes our way, we might be sunk and an increase in taxes won't help us.