

March 27, 2013

Committee Administrator Tyler Larson  
900 Court Street NE Room 453  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: OPPOSE Eliminating Nursing Facility Provider Tax Exemption for Continuing Care Retirement Communities**

Dear Committee Administrator Tyler Larson,

I am June May and live at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, Oregon and feel that by not continuing the tax exemptions, I will be penalized for being frugal and buying my own health and retirement care at Friendsview, instead of expecting the state to fund me when I need long term health care.

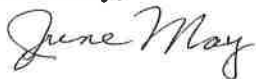
The Governor's proposal, contained in HB 2056, to eliminate the Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) exemption from paying the nursing facility provider tax (aka: Long Term Care Facility Assessment) would be an unfair added burden for residents of these communities and must be opposed.

I have been a resident of Friendsview for 8 years. I've invested my life savings in order to receive health care and housing in a safe, clean, compassionate community. Now we face the prospect of an unforeseen added cost of living because of a proposal that seeks to balance the budget at the expense of my retirement savings.

If I didn't live in a CCRC, I would not be forced to pay this tax. Why am I taxable just because of my age and where I live when others are not so taxed? This is unfair and must be opposed.

I urge you to not tax my retirement savings by continuing, rather than eliminating, the exemption from paying the tax for nursing facilities in CCRCs. I urge you to reinstate the exemptions in HB 2056.

Sincerely,



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