

I am writing this in support of Rep. Nancy Nathanson who is introducing HB4148 which would roll back interest on deferral property taxes from 6% compound interest to 6% simple interest. It is my sincere hope that Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, the co-sponsor of the bill and a majority of the House Revenue Committee will see the wisdom and fairness of this change!

I have been a tax paying resident of Oregon since 1975. Never during the years of living and being employed here have I expected that I would need to defer my property tax. (This is the eighth house that my husband have owned in the state of Oregon and we always paid our property taxes!) Catastrophic illness to a spouse caused a shift in my capabilities to pay the taxes after my retirement. For reasons such as this I ask that the property tax deferral be made more affordable and fair for those in need of such assistance.

Perhaps the legislators could even think of creative ways for homeowners to work out a portion of property tax deferral. For example, I have a background in education; I would be happy to offer some assistance in the field of education to repay some of my deferred taxes; my past volunteer tutoring in school is a testimonial that I am willing and able to perform such assistance. Certainly there are nurses, cooks, computer operators etc. who are willing and able to do the same.

This may sound like a WILD IDEA, but my feeling is that our country today is a new kind of WILDERNESS.

Please consider my ideas.

Sincerely,
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