

Friday Afternoon, 3/8/18

The House Revenue Committee,

Good afternoon, Committee members. You won't find me asleep at the wheel where this issue is concerned — indeed, you'll not find me behind any wheel since I don't drive, but I digress...

The issue of taxing your fellow Multnomah County seniors here at Quail Hollow to the tune of nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of a month's space rent is beyond offensive; it's downright hurtful and disrespectful. We may be thought of as the "old crumbies" by the rest of society, closer to the end of life & on our way out, & that's dehumanizing.

It's so easy to tax a statistic rather than a human being. Sure, just run through my neighborhood, re-assess my home to just above a certain level and then just take the extra revenue from me. My taxes jumped from zero to \$ 601.57.



I had other plans for that money, money I earned working hard at my new job. It was my money and I had set it aside to pay for my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday present to myself. It was to cover my cremation expenses through Gresham Memorial Chapel's "Affordable Funeral Alternatives." The bill of sale and/or certificate in a catchy frame on my wall would've been the cherry on top!

But, noooo, I had to turn that money over or else pay more in penalties. What a pitiful way to fund our government, taking the already taxed members of society. They need to collect money from those who have so much that an extra \$601.57 is chump change.

Thank you for creating this bill to help us ~ you have my full support and appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Linda N. McNevey