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As a middle-class American working hard to provide for my family, I feel compelled to speak out against the continued increase in taxes that we face year after year. Like many families in our position, we are doing our best to stay afloat — balancing the rising costs of housing, healthcare, education, and everyday living. Yet, it feels like every time we make a little progress, we're met with another tax hike that pulls us two steps back.

We are not wealthy. We are not looking for handouts. We are simply trying to live responsibly, save for our children's future, and retire with some dignity. But with every additional tax — whether it's income, property, gas, or sales — it becomes harder to make ends meet. We work hard, follow the rules, and contribute to our communities. It is disheartening to see our efforts eroded by policies that continue to treat the middle class as an endless source of revenue.

Taxation should be fair and balanced. Middle-class families should not bear a disproportionate burden while feeling little relief or representation. If we continue down this path, we risk pushing working families into financial instability — and that's not sustainable for us, or for the country as a whole.

We need policies that empower families like mine — not policies that punish us for trying to build a better life.