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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Elected Officials,

As many of you are probably aware that the cost of living in Oregon has gone up exponentially in the last five years. What we don't need is for more increases in the cost of living. The proposed rate increases are nothing short of increasing our cost to live in this state. People are flocking to other states with lower cost of living and more jobs. Our pay is not increasing but all of the increases you keep voting for are crushing young peoples' chances of owning a home or anything for that matter. I want to see real solutions from my government that don't increase the cost of living. How about being accountable with the funding you already have? Dig in and see where the money is going. I don't see more lines on the intestates, so where does the money go? It's time to AUDIT your agencies with private firms. If you were a private business you would not be in business anymore.

I don't want to live in a place where homelessness is such an issue because it's too expensive to live here. Take a look at Florida, Utah, and Texas instead of California and Washington for answers.

Sincerely, Gretchen Ghrist