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I am a senior here in Redmond. I volunteer at two different outreaches (food bank and hygiene Bank). The seniors in this state are on a limited income. Our minimal income increase does not keep up with inflation and taxes. I can't tell you how many seniors come into the food bank because they can't afford both their food and daily expenses m(meds, heating, gas, insurance), Some have actually been in tears over needing to come for help. WE CAN'T AFFORD MORE TAXES. The State tells us we need homeowners insurance and auto insurance, and we need to keep our cars registered. We need to pay our property taxes. We are good law abiding citizens WHO VOTE. But we can no longer afford the increases that Oregon wants to impose. We want to support our schools and decent roads. But we can't keep this up. Oregon needs to live within their budget just like we have. Enough is enough. I love serving in a volunteer capacity (and let's be honest, most of the volunteer non-profits provide A LOT of the services to the needy in this state). But if we are forced economically to go back to work, just to keep up with our bills, Oregon is going to be required to make up some of these services. let us retire in peace and serve where we are needed. NO NEW TAXES.