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As a senior citizen, with limited income, low yearly raises and costs of living going up higher than raises, it is imperative to have the increase cap changed from 10% to the annual cost of living adjustment. We live in a mobile home park that the park space rent with the current cap can go up 10% every year. We own our home that is in the park, so we have homeowner maintenance, ie had to replace our roof this last year at a cost of 9000.00. I will soon be 71 and still working part time, I only made 9873.00 gross, after taxes closer to the 9k, so does not even cover any other expenses that we incur, however it adds to the total amount I made last year that I have to pay taxes on. The minimum amount of Social Security benefits that are subject to taxation has not changed since 2013. The minimum is based on the beneficiary's modified adjusted gross income (AGI) and filing status.

If a single beneficiary's AGI is more than \$25,000, up to 50% of their Social Security benefits may be taxable. If their AGI is more than \$34,000, up to 85% of their benefits may be taxable. So any raise I get in social security I do not see a dime as it is then taxed higher since the minimum has not changed since 2013, which in itself is a grave injustice!