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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3755

Dear House Revenue Committee,

I'm supporting this effort because for the first time since I was 22 years old and owned a starter home, I struggled to pay my property tax. I am now 74 years old and a widow. For 52 years my husband and I worked hard, often times 3 jobs to meet our financial obligations. We did our best to live debt free. My fear is that Oregon's elderly will become the state's next homeless population. That should never happen. In 2022 approximately 807,000 adults 65 and older live in Oregon. That's a little over 19.2% of the population. Those numbers will grow to nearly 1.2 million by 2050. I believe those of us who are still able to live in our own homes should be able to do that. Nearly 3/4's of my property tax bill in 2024 went to schools. I love our children and want all of them to be successful, but truly we need to give elderly homeowners some kind of a break. As it stands now, I would have to set aside \$800 a month to pay my property tax. Crunching the numbers, I will always be behind, when that's never been the case. I know I'm one person, but please think about how much money the state has obtained from me alone in 52 years. I respectfully ask you to do your best to get a doable version of this bill passed into law.

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