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I am a 75-year-old native Oregonian living on a fixed income. For people like me, additional taxes are not just an inconvenience—they threaten our ability to remain in our homes. Many seniors are already struggling, and more taxation could be the difference between stability and homelessness.

I ask you to consider why so many long-time Oregonians leave the state in their later years. A safe and secure home is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Yet with the continual passage of new taxes—without clear accountability for spending—we are being pushed closer to poverty.

To me, HB3995 appears to be little more than a disguised replacement for the failed HB2025. These proposals are not abstract numbers; they represent real financial hardship for working families and elderly residents alike.

We have already seen the consequences of this approach. Businesses and families are leaving Oregon, and public confidence in government is declining. I, too, can no longer support policies that disregard the people they were meant to protect.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB3995. Please stand with hardworking families and with seniors who have given a lifetime of contribution to this state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,?Karen Liska