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In two weeks, I owe my property owner \$300 more for monthly rent than my monthly Social Security retirement payment. I spent all my savings and went into credit card debt just to pay rent that has increased yearly. I wrote a letter to the owner asking that he skip the usual annual rent increase just for a year (I have rented the same apt. for over 25 years) so that I could try to get on a waiting list for Section 8 assistance (I was not selected). Landlord's response: NO. I have spent all my SNAP account funding to pay rent. Older women are the fastest growing homeless group, according to media. I have heart failure, am too frail and elderly to work, can't move in with anybody, but now I wonder how to survive in the street. No funding to keep me housed in the little place I've lived in for a third of my life, but I may become an excess death statistic so that people who refuse to pay their fair share of taxes can buy more mansions anywhere they choose and sit on piles of tax-free money. There are thousands of Oregonians in similar crises, as you already know.