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I am a senior citizen, 75 years old. I live on Social Security and my social security is less than what I was making 50 years ago at current prices. Taxes and fees that businesses and organizations are charged get passed on to the elderly and other poor.

This seems punitive to me because I feel I am being punished for living so long. I have already given up TV, good food, health care than I can no longer afford, and my power bill will double one month to the next. Taxes and bills are never fixed and I can never plan on how to pay them.

HB 2020 could leave me suddenly homeless. I ask you not pass this HB 2020 Cap and Trade Law as much of it is duplicitous to what we already have. The cap and trade law would raise \$550 million in new revenue for the state government with no accountability for how lawmakers and government employees would spend the money. It's not about helping the environment—it's about the money.