

## Testimony in Support of HB 3755

Oregon State Legislature – Committee on Revenue

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Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my **strong support for HB 3755**, which seeks to **exempt seniors 65 and older from property taxes on their primary dwelling**. This bill is a **necessary step** to provide financial relief to seniors who have **already contributed decades of tax revenue** and should not be burdened with rising property taxes in retirement.

### Why This Bill is Necessary:

#### 1. Seniors on Fixed Incomes Are Struggling

- Property taxes **continue to rise**, yet seniors **do not have increasing incomes** to keep up.
- Many rely on **Social Security, pensions, or savings**, and these funds **were never meant to cover endless tax hikes**.

#### 2. Elderly Homeowners Should Not Be Taxed Out of Their Homes

- Many seniors have **fully paid off their homes**—yet property taxes **force them to pay indefinitely** just to stay.
- No one should have to **sell their lifelong home** just because taxes have become unaffordable.

#### 3. This is a Fair and Just Policy

- Seniors have **paid property taxes for decades**, supporting schools, roads, and services long before retirement.
- It is **reasonable and just** to relieve them of this financial burden in their later years.

#### 4. This Helps a Vulnerable Population Without Impacting Others

- HB 3755 **does not eliminate property taxes for all**—it simply provides **relief for seniors who need it most**.
- The exemption applies **only to primary residences**, ensuring that **wealthy individuals with multiple homes still contribute**.

**Conclusion:**

HB 3755 is a **practical and compassionate** measure that acknowledges the **lifetime contributions of our seniors**. Exempting them from property taxes **allows them to remain in their homes with dignity and security**. I urge you to **pass this bill** and provide meaningful relief to those who have given so much to their communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**

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