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Testimony in Support of Oregon HB 3755

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Hello, members of the House Committee on Revenue. My name is Cydni Ely, I'm 67 years old, and I've called Oregon home for over four decades. I'm here to support HB 3755, the bill that offers a property tax exemption for seniors like me on our primary residences.

My husband and I have owned our own home 45 years. It's where we built our life, watched our family grow, and made our memories. Now that I'm retired, we rely on my pension and Social Security. It covers the basics, but the property taxes keep creeping up. Last year, I had to dip into savings just to pay them, and I worry about how long we can keep that up. I don't want to leave our home—it's where I feel settled and safe.

HB 3755 would give us some relief. A tax exemption for those 65 and older would take a little weight off our shoulders. It's not a big ask, just enough to help us stay put without stretching ourselves too thin. I know the state has to manage its budget, but I think this could be a fair way to support seniors who've paid their dues.

I'm grateful to Representatives for putting this bill forward. It means a lot to know someone's looking out for us. I'd ask you to please pass HB 3755 so people like me can keep our homes and some peace of mind. Thank you for your time.

Cyd Ely