

Here we go again. I just received a call from my insurance company. My homeowners insurance (which I am REQUIRED to have) went up significantly this last renewal and now I am told my auto insurance (which I am REQUIRED by law to carry) is going up. One of the reasons I was given was that so many insurance companies are pulling out of Oregon.

We have already heard about a boat load of new taxes that Oregon wants to create. We can't afford all these increases. I am retired and on a fixed income. I do not get enough raises in my income to pay for all these new costs. Oregon is forcing retirees out of their homes because we can't afford the increased homeowners taxes, income taxes, road taxes not to mention the increases in food, gas, drug costs, medical expenses and other necessities. Give your seniors a break. We have worked all our lives to be able to retire comfortably. That is what you asked us to do. Save, put away money so you can afford to retire. We did. And now we are being squeezed so tight we can't afford to keep our houses.

Years ago California passed a law to freeze property taxes with a limited increase. Oregon needs to look at that at least for our seniors. Most of what we are taxed for are things we won't even use.

Once again we are asked to pay for all these things that you think are a great idea, but are pinching us so hard it hurts. I have been watching the history of the founding of our country. The idea was to create a government that would have an eye to the benefit of the citizens and not their own (or their party's) benefit. I think it is time to get back to this. Do we support our country and its founding beliefs. Of course, but that means that our legislators need to do the same thing. The Revolution came because the people of our country revolted against the pressures impressed upon them by an uncaring English leadership. I feel that we are seeing that sort of ideology creeping back into our current government. Quit thinking about what party is in power and how YOU can control that power and start thinking about the people that you are elected and PAID to consider. We need someone to start working for us and not for yourselves. Taxpayers are tired of this burden you are putting on us.