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My wife and I are retired seniors in our 70s and the continued rising cost of living here in Connecticut is making it difficult for us and our friends to remain here. The only thing that keeps us here now is grandchildren. Like many others already noted in the media we may be forced to head to a state with more favorable taxes. What no one talks about and/ or refuses to recognize is the rising cost of essentials for citizens like us that government has conveniently eliminated from the items utilized when cost of living calculations are made for adjusting social security and other like payments.