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I became a widow at a the age of 35. I raised 2 young children and gave them the best life possible. I have continually worked and provided for myself and my family but was unable to save for retirement and have NO employee retirement benefits from any of my employers. Now that I am 66 years old I would love to retire and have a comfortable life, NOT EXTRAVAGANT, just comfortable. The \$250.00 or more a month that I pay in taxes, then \$104.00 a month for medicare really makes a big dent in the income I will have to live on. As of now unless there is a miracle I see myself needing to work until I am 70 years old. I have paid taxes all my life and have not minded doing my part, but I have had to pay higher taxes since my husband passed because I have to file a single on my yearly returns. And now to pay on the social security income that I have ALREADY paid taxes on while working feels like the government is double dipping. I am sure MOST seniors want to make it on there own, independently, without assistance, but many CAN NOT, and that \$250.00 a month would make a BIG difference on meeting my minimal expenses when I retire, and I am sure I am not the only one that it would help make ends meet.