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Thank you for this email and this bill. We have often wished for this! We, and MANY others, believe senior citizens are on a strict fixed budget and have enough difficulty trying to keep up with inflationary costs of living which far exceed the CPI measurement used by the Federal government, and becomes especially difficult when the Federal government denies a small annual increase in our Social Security. It does not keep up with the actual pace of annual increases we are faced with. There is very little "wiggle room" in our budgets and costs, such as taxes, insurance deductibles, food, utilities--all keep rising exponentially while we have no further opportunity to earn extra income. Add to that the volatile stock market and low interest rates on savings which create even more stress.

While it is said that young people have to "pay for Senior citizens", I offer the fact that from our end, we Seniors pay property tax hikes to benefit and accommodate young people with children to build new schools, soccer fields and many other things that we, as Seniors, do not use and we pay this at the same tax rate as everyone else!! Many Seniors have moved out of Ct. because taxes have become so high, they can't live in their own family homes anymore! Seniors are being forgotten while many others are receiving "entitlements". This is a tragedy that must be addressed asap, so please pass this bill and let us remember that our elderly should be respected and not overlooked.

I would also like our government to address the needs of an unspoken and forgotten large group of people here and in our country: primary family caretakers and caregivers. SO many people are struggling to care for elderly parents, juggling jobs, taking off large blocks of time from work with income loss, finances and lives because there is no coverage for this in Medicare and people cannot afford the high costs of assisted living or homes which decimate family estates (such as they are). Why can't there be tax deductions to help?? This is especially crucial if the caretaker is a single adult child with no help trying to take care of an elderly parent (s) and who, as a single, hardly has any deductions in the first place like married couples do (and who share living and housing expenses while singles must pay all expense alone.)

Please....consider this issue...it us a fast growing demographic and impending epidemic.

Thank you,
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