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My name is Dorothy Bush. I have lived in South Fairmount in Cincinnati since May of 1993. I have been an active member of my community council and Working in Neighborhoods for over 10 years. I love living there as it is about 20 minutes from everywhere in the 275 loop.

When I got my tax bill this year, my heart dropped as it was easily double what it was last year and for many years previous. I was having a hard time paying all my bills *and* buying food before my tax bill doubled. Now, most of my foods come from produce popups and the soup kitchen where I volunteer.

The lower income neighborhoods seem to have been given the greatest tax increase. It's not fair or affordable. All the richest neighborhoods got no tax increase. Why increase the taxes on those least able to pay?!

I want to stay in my house. It's been my home for a long time. When I moved in, the plan was that I could "age in place," rather than moving into long term care. My neighbors are mostly in the same situation that I face.

We need a different formula to calculate the taxes. We also need to expand the homestead tax exemption. Until that can be done, we need relief!

I hope that you will support all of us in this situation and take the appropriate action.