

Please consider lowering the tax burden on our nation's senior citizens.

My mother is 86, my father is 88. Their entire net worth is less than 200,000. They sold their home years ago and have about \$100,000 in a money market and that is about it. They live with my sister in WI in summer and live with my husband and me in CA for the winter.

I watched my mother using her magnifying glass (she has macular degeneration- poor eyesight) to go over tax paperwork and get everything in order for her tax preparer. She spent more than a day at the kitchen table trying to get it all organized. They have an income of less than \$5,000.00 a month from Social Security, a small pension and a couple annuities. Their medical expenses go up each year, and they have to pay estimated quarterly taxes and pay someone to prepare their taxes each year. This makes no sense to me.

There must be a way to set a cut off. If you live to a ripe old age of 88 or some other number and your entire net worth is under a small amount- say, less than \$250,000, can't the government tell them they have paid their dues long enough and let them "off the hook." The sight of her struggling to be the good citizens they have always been made me very unhappy with the federal government.

If you are considering tax reform you have the power to speak out on this. I'm sure there are many other seniors in their shoes. Thank you for your consideration.

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