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the folks that are on the margins. They have an income, a fixed income, but it's difficult for them to keep and maintain their homes as a result of the property taxes that they are required to pay when they don't qualify for a full exemption, or aren't able, in some instances, to qualify for any exemption at all. One letter that I received from a constituent states, "We counted our pennies, when we were young, for our families. It's now worse. I have supplemental health insurance, house insurance, nursing home policy insurance, and home taxes on an old home in a neighborhood where I'm paying \$1,500. That takes almost all of my income. I have to pay for all my medicine, and one pill alone costs \$100." We have here a person who is paying so that they will be able to have supplemental insurance, taking care of all of their financial responsibilities, paying many of their own expenses, and being very responsible and yet that's the kind of person who is on the margin and who, in effect, could in paying property taxes be harmed to the point where they may not be able to afford to stay in their own home. I have another example of a constituent who says, "I've lived in this home for 50 years and I'm an 80-year-old widow on a fixed income. A house as old as mine, 75 years old, always needs some repairs to keep it from falling apart. Every time I spend a few hundred dollars to fix it up, my taxes go up. I'm currently paying \$1,129 in property taxes." Another lady here, who has been very responsible, paid her property taxes, raised her family and has made a contribution, and yet is in a position where she may not be able to afford to stay in her home for much longer. It's that kind of person that we're...that I'm particularly interested in trying to help with what the provisions of LB 179 would do. Another example is a lady who is in her mid-eighties, who has an adult daughter who has a mental handicap, who is approximately 45 years old, that this lady refuses to put in a home. She refuses to give up the responsibility even though her own health is failing and has continued to take responsibility for her daughter, even as a widow and as a person on a fixed income. This lady could have had her daughter put in a state home where taxpayers would be paying the cost of her upkeep and, yet, she refuses to do that and continues to accept financial responsibility as well as personal responsibility for her daughter. It is this type of person that I'm seeking to provide some relief for through the benefits of the increased allowance in LB 174 (sic). There are