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I am a lifelong native Californian who is now retired and on a fixed income. Every turn of the way, Californians are being fleeced and decisions are being made without our input or consent. Energy in California has skyrocketed to unaffordable conditions. For example, natural gas used to cost me \$25.00 per month in the winter and \$5.00 in the summer. Now, I pay \$95.00 per month in the winter and \$25.00 in the summer. I spent \$10's of thousands of dollars for rooftop solar, but the government is dimming the sun with geoengineering. My solar production has suffered and my electric bill has increased. The price of gas for my transportation continues to climb while the rest of the nation enjoys lower gas prices. We are already paying an additional average of \$1.65 per gallon in state taxes and now your board is considering doubling that, making gas unaffordable for average Californians especially those of us who live on a fixed income, spending our savings or credit cards to make ends meet. Why do you not consider this before arbitrarily taxing us to death?