

## Patricia Simpson

I beseech you that you shelve this regulation. Life is no longer just difficult it is crushing beyond belief. I am struggling terribly just trying to put food on my table.

I have cut back EVERYTHING that is not necessary. When the sun goes down I don't turn on any lights in my house. I use a flashlight to get around at night so I might have more money to buy groceries. I go nowhere that is not absolutely necessary. I can't afford the gas. There is no such thing as entertainment in my life. That is a luxury I can no longer afford. All I have is my tiny Social Security check once a month. I don't use any credit cards or such because I cannot afford to pay a middleman interest.

Please, please, please do not raise the cost of living even more. I don't how to impress upon you how incredibly difficult life has become over the past 4 -5 years. Please show some mercy on us that are struggling to just barely exist.