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My name is Linda Thorne. I taught for 33 years and then subbed for 16 after my retirement in 1999. I want to begin by telling you that I appreciate all that you have done for we Plan 1 peoples (I used this for want of a better word). The 3% has helped with my household bills and groceries; but that is only a dent. My husband died a year ago so still adjusting to not only his being not with me but his pensions and Social Security checks have gone by the wayside. If only the federal government could get their act together and do what is right to prevent more inflated cost of living increases. The sack of groceries that was \$25 is now over \$50. Received a new property appraisal in the mail stating that my assessment has increased by \$100,000 which means my taxes will go up. Now that really scares me. Last year's taxes were almost \$5,000. I live on four acres with vineyards and wheat fields behind me and a beautiful view of the mountains. I have been approached to sell but where would I go??My place is paid for; I don't want to downsize as I want to stay where I am.

I taught U.S.History...one of my favorite movies that I showed my students when we studied the workings of the government was Dave...had some good points to it; maybe Congress should watch it. (Little bit of humor for you). I also discovered a new drink using Pendleton Whiskey and Tequila...very good..I have to use humor in my life as I am still grieving my husband, worrying about the irrigation pump and water table (now that is serious money), had to have installed a new garage door unit (ouch..again, not expected), the roof leaks in the shop so need to pursue that.. I think you have the message that the extra money will be helpful to people like me. You all take care and good luck.
Linda Thorne

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