

# LETTER: The golden fleece

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Missouri's 1,300,000 seniors are considered expendable by certain elected officials. They are being sacrificed on the altar of political ambition and corporate greed, and they deserve better.

HC B3 originally was to eliminate the "Circuit Breaker" — low-income senior renters' tax credit — when Rep. Scott Fitzpatrick (R), of Shell Knob, introduced it. Democrats filibustered to save it in the Senate. A bipartisan amendment was reached and the entire senior protection program with budget was attached. Gov. Greitens (R) took time out from his special sessions — costing \$125,000 a week — to veto HC B3 on June 30.

Many seniors feel the breath has been knocked out of them, realizing it means loss of independence and possible premature death due to loss of Medicaid and in-home healthcare.

This is the price seniors will pay to fill the deficit created by an estimated \$800 million in tax cuts for the wealthy by 2020. Seniors have officially become prey. The wealthy whine about the cost of social services, but are silent about the \$800 million tax boondoggle, as they demand even more from morally deficient politicians.

What kind of society allows this, then re-elects those responsible?

Seniors can defeat big money by muting political propaganda ads and electing candidates who support seniors. Your vote is your defense.



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