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My name is Gloria Nealey and I am a retired educator from Callisburg, GA. Currently I serve as Vice President for the local retired educators association. I am also Chapter Liaison for the North Georgia area for AARP Georgia. In speaking to seniors from both of these local groups, they are opposed to restoring the state portion of the sales tax on groceries - the most basic of necessities. AARP Georgia also opposes efforts to raise taxes on groceries. Most of the seniors that I have contacted say that they can support the expansion of the sales tax base to include taxes on services. One area that could see an increase in taxes would be to increase the tax on tobacco. Other states have already increased their taxes this year on tobacco - why not Georgia?