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Time for tax waiver for all senior citizens

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AS the preparation of Budget 2002 is now on-going by the Minister of Finance (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad), may I make a humble suggestion regarding the levy of personal income tax.

I wish to appeal to the Finance Minister to show some compassion by waiving tax on citizens in the 70-plus age group who are still working, after having retired at the age of 55, on a part-time basis in our respective jobs for the following reasons:

\* I have been paying income tax since the 1950s although the sums were small then due to the low starting pay.

\* Up till now (2001) I have paid income tax for more than 50 years.

\* I am speaking for those who have only one source of income as part-timers and are paid on a daily basis without the usual perks like bonus, leave, medical benefits, etc which other monthly paid staff enjoy.