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Dear Legislators,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my thoughts concerning wildfire recovery. Five years ago my community in N. CA was destroyed by wildfire, which is why I now live in Ashland. Because I experienced such a loss, I am now volunteering through Ashland Peace House as a facilitator of a talking circle for fire refugees from the Alameda Fire.

I've heard how essential it was for temporary housing, contact with former neighbors, and basic needs to be provided so quickly and compassionately. As rebuilding grows, it's so important that the insurance, FEMA and other institutional services be streamlined and provided with ease. People suffering from trauma find it very difficult to manage these details and help from those in the community not traumatized is so appreciated.

While immediate needs are important, those in our circle last night spoke of the ongoing threat of wildfire, so I think it's essential that we pass the climate legislation that was rejected by the Republican walk-out last year. Also, I ask that we look at regenerative agriculture and forestry as frontline issues in restoring ecosystems that do more than even solar energy to support healthy climate.

Thank you, Pam Marsh and all those who seek public input on these essential questions. I so appreciate you.

Sincerely, Diane Tegtmeier