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On Behalf Of: Destroyed Homestead Property Owners
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB3446

HB 3446 Testimony in support on behalf of AOC- Association of Oregon Counties
House Committee on Revenue

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Walters and members of the
House Committee on Revenue:

My name is Roxanne Magnuson, My husband's name is Jeff Watson and we wish to
testify in support of HB 3446.

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Walters and members of the
House Committee on Revenue:

Re:HB 3446 freezes the property tax for properties that were destroyed by the 2020
wildfires. Property owners who rebuild are now subject to increased taxation when
the assessment to their property increases as a result of rebuilding. HB 3446 allows a
property to freeze that assessment to give some relief to a homeowner when they
rebuild. The property tax relief will end when the property is sold or no longer used as
a home.

We Beachie Creek Fire survivors urge support for HB 3446.

We have rebuilt our home and are soon to build a home for Jeff's Mother on a
neighboring property, which we own, on which all structure was destroyed as well.
The home we have rebuilt has been taxed this past year, 2021, at about double the
taxed amount for 2020, before the fire destroyed all the buildings on the property
except the pump house.

This increse is unfair. Home, garage & storage building total only about 300 feet
larger than the original buildings which were destroyed by the fire.

Thank You for accepting our testimony with regard to this House Bill.

Jeff Watson

Roxanne Magnuson