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To: Joint Committee on Tax Expenditure

Re: HB 3523

From: William and Sharon Blodgett

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We are writing in support of HB 3523. We lost everything except for our escape vehicles and a camper. We lost our physical assets: small woodland of 22 acres, our primary residence and personal belongings including artwork, our assets to our whitewater rafting business and our investment property that housed our business office and an income producing vacation rental. We lost all our memories that included photos, family jewelry, 2 pets, and all our wildlife which included bear, cougar (burned to death here), squirrels, a family of deer, wild turkeys, basically anyone who crawled, walked or slithered. Total Destruction.

We are still in the process of rebuilding and with the increase in the building costs and gas, we find ourselves underinsured. We would be grateful for the passage of this bill. It would be an important element in our rebuilding efforts of our whole life's work and accomplishments.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bill and Sharon Blodgett