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Dear Representative Christine Goodwin,

As a constituent I am writing to thank you for sponsorship House Bill 3523.

As the bill is in front of committee for hearing I am hopeful you can share the extent of the loss the victims have suffered. Whether we were fully or underinsured, lost everything or just a portion of our property, we have all had our lives changed forever. It is the loss of community / neighborhood, the emotional trauma none of us were prepared for and, as my husband and I, the home & timberland we had cared for the last 40 plus years - everything.

As you are aware there is a pending lawsuit against Pacific Power. This lawsuit offers many an opportunity to start over and to soften the trauma of loss. Even with the community outreach there are many who are desperate for the funds and are still living in less than ideal situations.

While the settlement amounts proposed in the lawsuit seem excessive to some, by the time the attorney fees, federal and state taxes, and any insurance proceeds already received are deducted the amount left over can leave it challenging to replace homes and necessary possessions or replant trees we will never see grow to maturity. That is the precise reason any abatement of tax would make a huge difference in our lives.

Once again, thank you for your efforts to help your constituents.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lee