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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3523

I urge you to support HB3523 to demonstrate that Oregon shows empathy to the fire victims and can restrain from the temptation of continually taxing Oregon residence for maximum revenue to the state. My family and I experienced a complete loss of 500 acres of timberland contained within two parcels not yet ready for harvest. We are currently conducting reforestation efforts, including herbicide treatment, high debris removal, low debris removal, stream restoration, road drainage repair, and tree planting on the entire parcel. It appears the cost of this activity will exceed \$600,000. Additionally, instead of harvesting the timber within the next 15 years, we are now looking at a 40 year wait for the next harvest. This investment is being made on land that neighbors the BLM on four sides that is receiving very little restoration and is likely to be the main culprit in a future fire storm 10-15 years from now. The passing of this bill would show that Oregon is willing to partner with and support it's community members who have suffered enough already.