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My losses has already been taxed. How can it be expected to pay taxes on money that is meant for replacing and rebuilding one's life? It isn't fair and it feels like

I am a survivor from the California 2018 Camp fire and relocated to Oregon in 2019. If state taxes are taken it's like being victimized again. I lost 81 years of my life in that fire, 58 of it was with my husband who died less than 12 months before the fire. Now the state of Oregon wants part of my determination. Here's how it breaks down and how much my determination will actually be worth after all deductions.

Attorney fees: 33.3% (auto deducted)  
Oregon tax: 9.9%  
Federal tax: 24%

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67.2% total in attorney fees and possible state/federal taxes.

It's anticipated that all claimants will receive no more than 75% of their total determination (s) from the Fire Victims Trust. If that happens, I'll be left with <32.8% of my claim in which to rebuild 81 years of my life.

I don't know how much more loss I can withstand. I will never be whole again.

Thank you for your consideration.