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SB 1012 Public Hearing Authorizes county to allow homestead rebuilt by same owner on same lot to replace homestead destroyed by September 2020 wildfires to have specially assessed value equal to destroyed homestead's real market value for 2020-2021 property tax year, to extent of square footage of destroyed homestead.

Dear House Committee,

I had noticed this article in my inbox this evening and was excited to see that someone would have the afterthought to get this out to individuals that have been greatly affected by the 2020 Wildfires.

This fire was brought about because the federal, state and county governments couldn't agree on who would put the funds out there to put out a 10 acre fire. It was broadcast for a few weeks about a wind storm in the making. Even with all this nobody that had the ability to do something about it would put 2 and 2 together to realize that fire, wind and hot weather was the recipe for catastrophic disaster.

It already has been a very tough 3 years trying to get our homes rebuilt and then to FINALLY get into our home and as we are getting into our home last October to get our property tax statement that has greatly increased because the home values have skyrocketed through the roof.

This incident of the fire was quite devastating and then it had been one thing after another to deal with, COVID – (and all the chaos that went with this fiasco), Lack of supplies and then supplies that cost 4 times the amount ex. (plywood went from \$20 dollars a sheet to over \$100.00 a sheet) and having to be cautious of bogus contractors. These are things we have had to endure through the whole rebuilding process. Trying to get reliable contractors in a time when people didn't want to or need to work. The state departments that were not in the office and it took longer times to get through on this level.

And now we have inflation, interest rate increases and our economy plummeting. I am asking for your gracious review of this and to please help with resetting our tax rates at the tax table that was in effect before the fires, I should hope we won't be penalized because we have been forced into a situation where we have had to

rebuild a home and because of the year it is considered a new build thus not in the category of the property tax that many of us had voted for. We are just trying to get ourselves back into a home something that can be so taken for granted.

Sincerely,
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