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My testimony is in support of the victims of the Archie Creek fire. My girlfriend had her property burn up off Boundary Rd and she barely made it out alive with nothing but her cat. She called me at 6AM to come help her evacuate as there was fire heading her way. I live in Elkton and by the time I got to Glide, I was stopped from going any further by the State Patrol. I had to wait there until she got out not knowing whether she would make it or not. Obviously she made it out.

The point of this is:

She was devastated by the loss of her beloved property.

It has been 3 years now and she is still trying to recover.

I know of several other people who have lost their homes and property and are still trying to recoup and rebuild as well.

These people are counting on the proceeds from this settlement with the power company to enable them to recover what they lost.

Relieving them of some of the tax burden would go a long way to help with that recovery.

Thank You

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