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Please support this bill. I am a survivor of the Paradise California campfire of 2018. I lost everything I held dear. Besides my family thank God. Lost my home I lost my town I lost my friends, 86 people died in that fire that was caused by PG&E. We are still in a struggle to be made whole five years after the fact. We will never be compensated 100% because of the bankruptcy they filed.

My daughter and her family and I came to Oregon a beautiful state so close to us that we have loved for many years. The impact of this has been horrendous because on top of that we've been forced to pay taxes on the money that we were paid. That money helped us restore what our insurance didn't provide for .many had no insurance or not enough insurance.

To have to pay taxes and take back that money is unconscionable. I had to pay half of what little I got ,a partial payment as they've dragged it out in bits and pieces over these 5 yrs, in taxes. How is that making us whole? What a joke. The risk of fire in Oregon is just as much, if not more as in California. So many the last few years have lost so much and it's not right to be taxed on what we get. We're paying taxes even on what the lawyers are being paid and that's not right. that seems like double taxation because the lawyers will be paying taxes on the money they got, and we're paying taxes on it. it's time for a Boston tea party again it seems

Enclosing please, I beg you don't twist the knife we've already been stabbed with in our backs. Help us stop the bleed and let us have some dignity and what we've been left with. I had a house I lived in for 36 years. I had family heirlooms from mine and my husbands families. It's all gone, there was no time to take anything. I'm still living in a trailer, a 25 foot trailer because of the way we've been paid and taxed. If you want to know what it's like if you've never been in a fire like that, go on YouTube and you will see what hell we went through escaping the fire in California and that's just my Fire. Please have compassion, have a heart and do what's right. Thank you for your consideration and we're not alone. There are thousands of us ,many thousands of us that you can help.

Thank you, God bless