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On Behalf Of:

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I urge your support for this legislation.

Victims of the 2020 wildfires, particularly those who could least afford to rebuild, have experienced many challenges and hardships since losing everything in the devastating wildfire. Rebuilding their lives and homes has been the first step in a long recovery. Little did they expect their property tax bill would substantially increase, more than doubling in my case. I didn't have the option to replace my home built in 1968 with a 1968-valued home. I could only replace it with a same square-foot new home...and be unexpectedly penalized. This is a significant financial burden for homeowners who had always been able to anticipate and budget for property taxes and now suddenly find their homes unaffordable. This is detrimental to the county's efforts to support rebuilding and restoring the local economy. On behalf of my neighbors in the communities and rural areas of the North Santiam Canyon, I urge your support of this very important legislation.