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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB4007

My name is James H. Langston, I am 81 years old & my wife & I are victims of the Archie Creek Fire of 8 Sept 2020.

I am responding for support for HB 4007.

As many people did, we also lost everything we owned, as we were at the coast the day the fire hit & we had not enough time to get home.

To be taxed on a huge loss, that is no fault of ours, is beyond my comprehension. Our settlement amount was about 85% of our losses, not considering the 33.33% attorney's commission, plus our part of their expenses, for a total of approximately 40% attorney costs and without them, we would have gotten nothing.

This leaves us with precious little to try to replace what we lost. How can there be an income tax on such a horrendous loss?

Please, please do all that you can, so we may get our life back to some kind of normal.

Thank you,

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