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On Behalf Of:
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We had multiple casualty losses in the Archie Creek Fire: two businesses including our 22 acre managed timber stand with active silvaculture, and our personal residence. All of our assets connected with these casualty losses are gone as well as are family memories and 2 pets. This fire was devastating to wildlife, taking many lives. In the past 3 1/2 years, we have salvaged timber, replanted, rebuilt our personal residence, and partially rebuilt our business property, and partially replaced assets to our businesses. And to add insult to injury, the time period to recover has passed according to Federal rules. Our accountant has helped us to apply for an extension. No answer yet.

My task list is daunting: all of our 34 acres need removal of burned vegetation and stabilization of natural drainage due to instability of land banks and contours. We need road repair, fence building, the list goes on. Your support of this tax relief bill will help us and our community stabilize for future generations.