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Hello, and thank you for reading my testimony. My name is Anne Dorsey and I lost my property of 25 years in the 2020 Archie Creek Fire as did nearly 500 of my neighbors. State wide, thousands of Oregonians lost their homes and or their land in the during the same period due to different fires with similar causes. Negligence. It was the most traumatic event of my life, The fire consumed 130,000 acres in two days. There was no time to respond.

In my case, the settlement has taken three and a half years. Forty two months of uncertainty, financial instability, grief sn rebuilding. Many of my neighbors still have temporary housing.

Due to an Act passed in 2017 by the Trump administration we cannot even deduct attorney fees from our settlement! It feels like a slap in the face and will keep Fire victims from ever becoming whole again.

For example If a person received a million dollar settlement it would currently be broken down in the following ways:

Attorney fees: \$340,000 dollars

Federal taxes: \$370,000 dollars

State taxes: \$100,000 dollars

For a total of : \$810,000 dollar to be paid in taxes

Leaving the fire survivor with a mere \$190,000 dollars! Barely enough to put up a single wide trailer.!

Please Pass HB 4007 and give the Oregon fire victims enough to rebuild their lives. It is the moral, just, and only compassionate solution.

Thank you. Sincerely, Anne Dorsey