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On Behalf Of: all of us impacted  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
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Good morning committee members.

We are reaching out with great hope that you will possess the wisdom and compassion to support the absolute and fundamental right to avert, at least, the double taxation of

the portion of our awards settlement paid for legal fees. I find it nearly impossible to comprehend that the law would have been crafted with that intention.

As for the remainder of the settlement, We also feel that it is intended for compensation awarded to us for our incomprehensible loss of property, possessions, timber,

livelihoods, and any resemblance of normalcy. Once again, the taxation of this would be crippling to the process and hopes of rebuilding our properties and our lives.

I have read, as I hope you have, the testimonies of several of us affected by this fire and I assume you are touched by the losses sustained. It is said that even though no person died in this fire, many people's lives as we knew them were lost forever. Of course no amount of money can make us whole again and healing our lands and our lives will benefit greatly by passage of this bill.

Everyone's story is compelling and pertinent and ours is no more important than anyone's. That said, I will briefly state a few aspects of our life here.

I have been on the property for 49 years. It is sacred ground! My wife and I were married here. Our daughters were both born in our home and were both married in our meadow.

We have invested our lives and limited resources in the stewardship of this land and life. We have chosen as a family to invest our time and money in the rebuilding of what was lost,

HOME!! As it is beyond our means to pay to have someone else do this for us, I had to give up my profession as a builder and focus only on the logging, clean up, and rebuilding of our property. If we are forced to pay all the taxes on our settlement we will be left with around 19%, which will not even cover my lost wages for the time spent in recovery.

I know you understand the stories of loss and encourage and expect your support in passage of this extremely important bill.

Thank you for your time and interest in helping the recovery of my family and all the neighbors affected by this devastating event, not of our making.

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