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On Behalf Of: survivors of wildfires  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure: HB4007

To The House Committee of Revenue and All Those tasked with The Decision of HB 4007,

It is difficult to find someone in Oregon who has not been directly or vicariously impacted by the loss and disastrous impacts of wildfires within our beautiful state. I, unfortunately, have directly known friends, coworkers, clients and a mother who have experienced the acute and long term effects of these fires. As a therapist, friend and daughter, my perspective is one that is deeply woven into the witnessing the psychological, social and emotional experiences the Oregon survivors have had to navigate post these life changing disasters. Beyond having their homes and community forever changed into an ashen landscape, they are then tasked, while in the heaviness of their acute grief, to begin building a new life with minimal to no resources. The legal process that follows, as you are aware, takes years. And during this time, many survivors are unable to find closure, begin building homes that feels safe, meet their families basic needs and plan for a future that was often intertwined in the homes they lost to the fire. It is a unspeakably heavy and difficult journey for many. I am asking Oregon Representatives and the House of Revenue to humanize these survivors. Give them this small act of recognition for the immensity of their experiences and all they have done to work for In order to gain back a small piece of what they have lost. Please, make the decision to not further tax on their suffering .

Regards,  
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