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On Behalf Of:
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To the House Committee on Revenue:

My name is Dallas F. Boge. I am a resident of Gales Creek, Oregon, located west of Banks and northwest of Forest Grove. I was a volunteer firefighter for Forest Grove Fire and Rescue for nearly 25 years. Since retiring from firefighting, I have been a director of the Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District for over 6 years. Professionally, I am a Licensed Tax Consultant, having practiced for over 30 years.

When I started being a firefighter, we had 13 volunteers responding to our local Gales Creek Station, today there are none. It is now manned by interns from the main station in Forest Grove.

Anything that might help the reversal of loss of volunteer firefighters is worth consideration. Many of the firefighters, both volunteer and career, are young, and just starting in their careers. As such, their incomes tend to be low, and anything that might help keep more of their income in their pockets, would help to keep them as firefighters.

This testimony is completely my own. Thank you for the opportunity to address this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Dallas F. Boge