



**United Way of
Jackson County**

February 17, 2023

The Honorable Paul Holvey
Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 975301

Dear Chair Holvey:

United Way of Jackson County strongly supports House Bill 2982 Disaster Recovery Insurance Reforms. United Way has been deeply involved in the Almeda and South Obenchain wildfire recovery. We have raised and invested more than \$4.5 million to date helping more than 1,300 families and individuals.

A common refrain was how challenging it was to manage the insurance process regardless of how well insured or under insured someone was. My friend, a hospice chaplain, shared with me that his advice to everyone going forward would be to videotape what's inside your drawers and cupboards because we can't remember on a good day much less a day after losing everything.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this bill. Our community has worked since September 9, 2023 on immediate, intermediate and longer term assistance and we are grateful for the opportunity to support this bill.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Anne Everson".

Dee Anne Everson
CEO/Executive Director