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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB3446

Hello:

I am commenting as a citizen of Detroit, but I am also a city councilor there.

I am writing in support of this bill HB3346; Wildfire Property Tax Relief. My family of six lost our home to these wildfires and we currently live in our RV on our property where our house was. We are in the process of rebuilding our house on a lot that touches the lot where our house was. We could not build on our original lot because the requirements of our new septic system's drain field took up too much of the property to fit our house; in essence, our old lot is 50% covered by a drain field. Our insurance was not sufficient to because the current building costs are so high. All costs: excavation, trenching, in-ground electric service installation, transportation, equipment, roofing, lumber, drywall, plumbing, electric have increased to the point that insurance covers about half of the build. The state of the economy and inflation/food/fuel costs are also causing an unending stream of money to flow from our bank accounts.

Since the fire, many properties have changed hands, so there won't be as many who qualify for this bill, therefore the loss of tax revenue will not be as high as the amount of homes that were destroyed.

Our county (Marion) has been working without interruption, since the wildfires, at helping our cities function and to meet our housing needs; the citizens are grateful for the commissioner's efforts; I hope our state legislature will join in to assist our county in helping us stabilize our costs and our lives. If this bill is not supported, there is a chance that our property taxes price us out of our city, we will have to sell and the buyer will benefit from all of our strife and hard work.

For all of these reasons, I urge all decisionmakers of HB 3446 to vote for this bill.

Sincerely,

Michele Tesdal