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My losses has already been taxed. How can it be expected to pay taxes on money that is meant for replacing and rebuilding one's life? It isn't fair and it feels like

I am a survivor from the California 2018 Camp fire and relocated to Oregon in 2019. If state taxes are taken it's like being victimized again. I lost 52 years of my life in that fire and now the state of Oregon wants a part of the claim. Here's how it breaks down and how much my claim will actually be worth after all deductions.

Attorney fees: 33.3% (auto deducted)
Oregon tax: 9.9%
Federal tax: 24%
SNT attorney fee (SSI recipient): \$12,000 (auto deducted)

67.2% total in attorney fees and possible state/federal taxes, excluding SNT attorney.

As it stands, it's currently anticipated that all claimants will receive no more than 75% of their total determination (s) from the Fire Victims Trust. In essence, I'll be lucky to end up with 20% of my determination.

Please don't victimize us again, the loss has already been an emotional battle.

Thank you for your consideration.