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I was a recent widow when the fire took our home on September 09.2020. Everything we owned was taken that harrowing night. (Included were irreplaceable heirlooms from four generations of loved ones from two different families. This was a 2nd marriage for both Gene and I, and our two families were united together back in 2007. We moved back to Gene's childhood playground/ community. Big trees, fresh air, quiet, peaceful small towns, birds, and other wildlife roaming free,. More importantly, lower taxes! Just what we needed to survive now thst our limited retirement funds would need to sustsin us soon.

The fire took away things not only from us, but from our children, our grandchildren.and our great grandkids. (Their rightful inheritences) Insurance proceeds was a far cry from enough to recover our losses. Covered but a very small pecentage. Thanks to the outpouring of assistance and support by our community, and organizations, from both far and near it bec sne possible to rebuild and return to our land.

Now when hope seems to have been restored An axe is falling to destroy that hope A substantial ncrease in property taxes will be a heavy burden, that may ultimately cause me/us to lose everything again and this time not recover. If we cant afford to pay taxes, all could be lost again.

Retirement for me is close, my mind and body have changed quickly these past few (very stressful, very trying) years.

I beg you, everyone, to please show some compassion, some mercy to your friends, families, and neighbors who happen to have survived the horrific, historic 2020 Oregon Wildfolires. The scars, trauma, and stress they have endured is real and is residual. Please vote to help keep their proprty taxes lowered. Healing of traumas takes time. Such an action will be a blessing and a balm to their souls and mine.

Thank you and most humbly yours,

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