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On Behalf Of: Wildfire Victims
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB4007

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Oregon Legislators

Re: Oregon House Bill 4007

I am writing to urge your support of House Bill 4007. This legislation addresses crucial aspects of tax relief for those of us who have suffered complete and devastating loss due to utility company negligence, resulting in a wildfire. A settlement with the utility company has been determined and as victims, we have received only 60% due to a shortfall in the total settlement awarded.

Under federal law and state law, we are required to report as gross income the total amount of our settlement, including that portion paid out for attorney fees and litigation costs.

As a result, after taxes, we are expecting to only receive approximately 30% to 40% of our settlement. We desperately need this tax relief so that we can have any chance of rebuilding our lives.

Please support us!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jill and Michael Gottlieb