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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR11

As an educator, outdoor enthusiast, tribal ally, and former farmer, I urge you to support SJR 11 and give Oregonians the chance to vote on using undesignated lottery funds for wildfire response and prevention.

Wildfire doesn't respect property lines—it affects all of us. I've watched beloved places burn, breathed in the thick smoke, and worried for friends and neighbors whose health, livelihoods, and ancestral lands are on the line. Fire season is no longer a season—it's a reality we live with year-round.

I agree that Oregon needs a fair, sustainable funding solution. Tapping into voluntary, undesignated lottery funds makes sense. It's a shared problem that deserves a shared investment—not a new tax that unfairly targets rural forestland owners, especially when most burned acres are on federal land.

Please let the people decide. SJR 11 is a reasonable step toward protecting what we all value—clean air, healthy forests, safe communities.