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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR201

Dear Senator Anthony Broadman, members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee, and staff,

On September 8, 2020, my home in Talent was totally destroyed by the Almeda Wildfire along with all of the other 75 homes in my subdivision, called Oak Valley, and about 2,500 homes & businesses in the area. We know that human-caused climate change is creating more and more dangerous weather conditions all around the planet, including stronger hurricanes, longer lasting drought periods, and more intense wildfires. Therefore, I support anything the Legislature can do to fund efforts to prepare our state for more wildfires, which are surely in our future. As I understand it, SJR 201 would dedicate some "kicker" money to wildfire readiness in years when forecasts show that Oregon revenues will exceed certain thresholds. It would also provide quite a lot of extra funding for our schools, which is badly needed.

SJR 201 seems to be a reasoned approach to modifying the kicker to allow taxpayers to enjoy some benefit from good economic years while using half of the windfall for two good purposes. I hope you will favor this bill with your support.

Thank you,
Allen Hallmark, Medford