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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: SB1012

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Dear House Committee on Revenue,

I am writing this letter of support as a representative of the North Santiam Canyon Community and as the Director of the Integrated Health and Outreach Department at Santiam Hospital and Clinics in Stayton, Oregon. Santiam Disaster Services, a branch within our department, provides disaster case management services to survivors of the 2020 wildfires that occurred in the Santiam Canyon.

I write to express my strong support of Oregon Senate Bill 1012A. Santiam Disaster Services has assisted 244 households to successfully rebuild or relocate following the 2020 wildfires. Throughout this time, we have seen rising property values and hardship from increased tax burden take their effect on wildfire survivor's financial recovery. In supporting this legislation, you are supporting the over 90 home owning households we are still supporting to rebuild their homes and others that have rebuilt and will be recovering financially for years to come.

Sincerely,

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