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Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of the proposed legislation to assess our property value at the 2020-2021 value. I had 2 houses on my land that were totally destroyed by the Beachie Creek/Lionshead wildfires in September 2020. I have since rebuilt to the exact square footage and footprint of the manufactured house in which I lived. While I was able to rebuild a stick home, I lost a carport and a second house along with other structures. I also love living here in the canyon and am retired on a fixed income.

I struggled financially to rebuild and still have an outbuilding that I would like to replace if I am able. I see that many people are rebuilding bigger homes and am in favor of keeping the pre-existing rates for the same square footage of rebuilt home.

Many of us are on a fixed income and we're able to rebuild with insurance and disaster loans. I am hoping that we are not penalized by increasing our tax rate since the circumstances were caused by a natural disaster. It would be a different story if we were rebuilding as a homeowner looking to have a bigger or better house. I know I'm not the only one who has struggled financially to rebuild a home so I can stay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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