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Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in favor of House Bill 4166.

My name is Dennis Creel. I am the timberlands manager for Hampton Affiliates, a family-owned Oregon company headquartered in Portland.

Hampton Affiliates employs about 1,600 people, primarily in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Hampton's annual lumber production capacity is in excess of 2 billion board feet, making us one of the largest softwood lumber manufacturers in the country. Hampton also has wholesale and distribution operations that deliver building products to customers all over the world.

In Oregon, Hampton operates mills in Tillamook, Warrenton and Willamina with a combined capacity of 940 million board feet per year, and directly employs over 600 people with an annual payroll of \$37 million. Hampton owns 91,000 acres of sustainably managed timberlands, and its wood procurement and land management systems are certified through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). In addition, virtually all Hampton's logging contractors are professionally trained through SFI programs.

Of the certified volume manufactured in Hampton's Oregon sawmills, 80% is certified under SFI, 19% under the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), and less than 0.5% is certified under Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards. SFI is the predominant certification system used by large private forest landowners in Oregon, while the ATFS provides certification to smaller family woodland ownerships.

As a result, most Oregon-produced lumber does not qualify for the same preferred treatment as FSC-certified wood under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building standards. In contrast, Green Globes and most other national and international green building standards treat wood certified under SFI, ATFS and FSC equally.

In general, but particularly for an Oregon tax credit for energy efficiency buildings, Hampton believes it is wrong to encourage green building systems that unfairly discriminate against Oregon forest products and manufacturers. HB4166 takes a step in the right direction towards eliminating that inequity, and Hampton fully supports the bill.