

## Raszka Shelley

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**From:** Pat Wheeler <wheelerp@onid.orst.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 9:50 AM  
**To:** Raszka Shelley; Sen Roblan  
**Cc:** Pat Wheeler  
**Subject:** SB 1575 Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development

RE: SB 1575 – Oppose

Dear Senators Roblan, Baertschiger, Burdick, Close and Prozanski:

Members of the Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development

My husband and I own and manage 100 acres of timber land. We are members of the Polk and Marion, and Benton County Small Woodlands Associations, as well as, the American Tree Farm Association. This bill goes too far in redefining "primary" processing of forest products. The current laws and zoning ordinances are doing a good job at protecting forest land for forest uses. Polk County allows temporary portable facilities for *primary* processing as a outright permitted use. Polk County also allows permanent facilities for *primary* processing as a Conditional Use Permit.

I have spoken with several members of our local woodland associations and no one considered the "log home assembly" an appropriate use of timber land. Log home assembly, wood products manufacturing, and chemical treatment of wood are industrial and commercial uses and are rightfully considered *secondary* processing that should be restricted to industrial and commercial zones. I urge the committee to maintain the use of forest lands for producing timber. Secondary processing of wood products should be restricted to non-resource lands in order to support the basis of our forest economy. Our current laws are working as intended and this bill would be a major detriment to our natural resources and viable forest economy.

Sincerely yours,

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