

Hello! My name is Chuck Vance. I am proud to say that my family and I live in Sandy, the heart of Clackamas County. I am a lifelong active participant in the forest products industry here in Western Oregon. I've done it all and seen the rest; from contract timber harvesting, timber falling, commercial fishing, tree planting, farming, custom lumber milling, to wild land firefighting. And far more than we have time to discuss here today. Those of us who actually toil in the forests and fields, and on the seas off our coast, don't have the luxury of being dry and warm, comfortable or safe, on a daily basis, such as most of you here now enjoy. We built the roads you drive on every day. We harvested the timber which your homes are made of and that protect your families. We grow the food, and catch the fish that feed you, your children, and grandchildren. What we receive back in the way of Thanks is a daily increasing strangulation, in the form of endless additional regulatory constraints, by multiple levels of government agencies, many of which are at cross purpose to their supposed goals. Often in a capricious and arbitrary fashion. We are still here, and continue to reverently care for our Earth, as we always have. There are no greater or more loving stewards of the land, than those who daily sweat and bleed for it. If we are to strive for a balanced approach, and practice truly sustainable management of our resources, then there is no question than to be in support of active forest utilization in all its evolving myriad forms. I am a Primary Forest Product Processor (PFPP), even according to the most narrow definition thereof. Therein is the crux of why we are here. Land use decisions today, statewide, are increasingly turning to allow for only the most narrowly interpreted application of definitions. No one foresaw the need to spell out some of these things exactly or specifically, because no one could have possibly imagined the lengths to which some would go, in spite of all common sense and decency, to further their own vindictive, personal, and partisan agendas. Senate Bill 1575 is necessary to correct omissions which are now being used by extremist ideologues to further persecute, subjugate and eliminate some of the last remaining segments of traditional Oregon Culture and Historical, not to mention economic significance. This has become far more than a personal issue for me, and it far transcends any personal loyalties or affiliations. You would be hard pressed to find a more traditional conservative than myself. Mark Fritch, there, a man square in the bulls eye of regulatory overreach, refers to himself as a progressive. On many levels, these two types are not generally thought of as compatible. In today's climate I daresay we are compelled by the hidden drone messaging of the media to loath one another. This much I can say, without reservation, about Mark; he is an honorable, honest, and forthright man. The young would do well to honor and emulate his ethics, integrity, and values. Mark strives for the COMMON GOOD, as do I. If he and I can come together, can you, as legislators, do any less? The challenge here is to clarify, by simple language, what most of us know as traditional and customary forms of land use and employment, on lands zoned: Timber. And to do so in a non-partisan fashion, setting aside personal and party allegiances to bring about some measure of security to the rural residents of our state, relying on you for justice and fairness. Symbols are very important. As you walked up to the capitol building today, did you glance up at the very top? Does the golden Pioneer ever inspire you to dream about what it meant to be an actual pioneer back

in the 1840's? Or what it means to be a pioneer today? I'll bet he lived in a LOG HOME. Without honoring the good of the past, you do not deserve the fruits of the present or of the future. Failing Passage of Senate Bill 1575, I propose that you replace the Golden Pioneer with a chrome plated Urban Hipster, clad in skinny jeans, staring transfixedly @ a Smart Phone in one hand, and a steaming organic soy Chai, in the other. The choice is yours. Make no mistake. When a person's livelihood is threatened by the wanton abuse of a system designed to protect all of us, this is an act of overt violent aggression. We need to put in place Senate Bill 1575 to avoid more of this in the future., and provide a safe and stable economic environment. At least you know where I stand. Thank You