

**To:** Oregon State Senators and Representatives

**From:** Peter Hayes, President of Mt. Richmond Forest Inc.

**Subject:** Written testimony for SB 1507 and HB 4001

Please accept my testimony on SB 1507 and HB 4001 for the record for the joint hearings which were held February 7, 2018. I write as an active forest and sawmill owner and as a former member of the Oregon Board of Forestry to ask you to strongly support the passage of these two bills.

Through our daily work in our forests we see concrete negative evidence of the impact that a changing climate is already having on our forests. At the same time, we see how these changes are having serious negative impacts on economies and cultures all around the world.

As pragmatic business owners who take a long term view of productivity and viability we feel that leadership and action on this issue is badly needed. Though the circumstances call for more decisive action than these two bills will create, we feel that they represent important steps in the right direction.

We strongly encourage you to pass these two bills and thank you the attention you are giving to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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