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House Committee On Energy and Environment public hearing on House Bill 2656

Thank you committee members for reading my testimony. I support House Bill 2656, which I see as a step in the right to ensure we have clean drinking water and keep the timber industry strong and stable into the future.

I say that as someone whose family has owned timberland in Clatsop County for four generations. Through that the industry has undergone significant changes, which detractors said would destroy their businesses. Be it the end of child labor or the start of occupational safety laws, regulations have strengthened the timber industry and I believe that's what HB 2656 would do.

We as timber farmers cannot ignore the impact our industry has on the environment. The sooner we address these problems the less long term impact we'll have.

Please join me in supporting HB 2656.

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