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To the House Energy Environmental Committee,

My name is Russ Mead. I live in Seaside Oregon.

Forest lands are more than a nursery for timber.

Our forests are our drinking water watersheds.

Put bluntly, Water is more important than timber to Oregon.

Managing forests includes management of the watershed.

"Oregon" needs the legislature to intercede on this issue. Only YOU can protect our water and at the same time responsibly regulate timber practices.

Respectfully, I urge you to vote yes on H.B. 2656.

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