

Good afternoon.

I am busy in our office today and couldn't get to Salem in time for the hearing on HB 2656. We are R&R King Logging, a 50+ year family based logging company in Florence, Oregon and we employ about 70 people with family wage jobs. Our annual payroll is \$4.5 million. All our work is on private timberland. And our families' retirement is invested in private timber because we believe it to be a sustainable, renewable resource that provides an important, environmentally sensitive product to the world.

We work hard and it is no small task to own and operate a small business especially in Oregon. This legislation would be devastating for us and likely would be the end of our business and the 70+ jobs we provide in Lane County. NONE of the elements of this bill make any sense. And if our wood products companies can't stay in business, there will be even less revenue for important things like roads and schools.

The attached photo is at our safety meeting that we held this last Saturday. It is the faces of people who would likely lose their jobs if this bill passes.

We and our employees are so proud of the stringent forest practices rules that Oregon has and the excellent work we do to manage our forests. We more than most people, want the woods to be sustained for generations to come because we work there and we play there. We are all outdoors people. Please do not move this legislation forward.

Have you ever seen logging in action and met the people who work on the ground in the woods? I would love to invite you for a logging tour. Please see for yourselves the good work we are doing before you do something so devastating from the confines of your office.

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