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Representative Ken Helm,
Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee

Dear Representative Helm,

Our forests and waterways are our life resources. Current forestry practices are killing both. Sustainable timbering can be accomplished leading to long term continued employment for those in the industry while allowing our forests to grow strong in the face of global climate change.

All timber companies should be required to meet FSC standards and HB 2656 is a step in the right direction. Here in Oregon, Zena Forest Products, and in Minnesota, Menomonee Tribal Enterprises, are just two examples of successful forest practices that hold next generation thinking front and center in their operations and are successful. Given the state of our environment next generation thinking is exactly how we should be looking at our forest practices in order to make certain that our children and grandchildren can have the lives we have been fortunate enough to live.

Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline Danos