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**From:** jeremiah jenkins <miah66@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:27 AM  
**To:** Exhibits HNR  
**Subject:** I urge you to support HB 2659 Oregon Forest Carbon Incentives Act

I am writing to urge you to **support HB 2659!** At a time when state agencies and counties throughout Oregon are struggling to make ends meet while also experiencing rising costs associated with climate change HB 2659 offers a simple solution: rescind and redirect tax breaks for industrial forest practices that are driving climate change and making the costs of adapting to it much greater.

HB 2659 would let counties use the extra revenue for schools, infrastructure, public services and investments in climate smart forestry solutions that will help reduce the risks of fires, floods, water shortages and **harmful algal blooms** while rebuilding forest carbon stocks. Tax breaks for small woodland owners and larger owners who know how to log while leaving a climate resilient forest behind **would be unaffected.**

**Twenty-four** conservation and community organizations with **thousands of members** have endorsed this measure and are ready to offer testimony and support for its passage. Please take a look at the endorsement page [here](#). In a recent expose – [Polluted by Money](#) – the Oregonian found that **Oregon ranks number one in the nation in terms of per capita corporate giving to campaigns and tops the nation in campaign contributions from the timber industry.** Passing HB 2659 will help assure Oregonians that their lawmakers are willing to stand up to this corporate money and start dialing back the many **unwarranted tax breaks and subsidies** the timber industry has received as a result.

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Clearcutting and other industrial forest practices are the leading source of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon ...



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