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Rep. Brad Witt
900 Court St NE, H374
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 2659 --- **Opposed**

Dear Representative Witt:

My family owns and I manage 440 acres of mostly forest and some farm land in Clackamas County. It became an Oregon Century Farm in 1964. We are organized to continue from my generation (4th) living here through the Seventh Generation, that of our Granddaughter born last July. We **could not make it** even to the management by her grandpa and his siblings who are already part owners of it. We have been planning and working toward that goal for since my dad and his formed a family partnership in 1926. My parents bought most of it as logged-off land in the early 1940s.

This bill would be the **end of it** all because it under the unfounded restrictions in this bill we could not continue planting and growing trees on our forestland using 3 to 10 acre patch cuts every few years, It would have similar impacts on most of the private forest acres in Western Oregon, taking with it all the mills, loggers and other interrelated businesses. If some bigger companies bought us out they would likely do as now do, sell for the highest bidder for any non timber uses and prices.

How could you make me betray my ancestors' intentions and my promises to and investment with my children's dollars and my grandchildren's hopes and dreams? Please use your power as Committee Chair to do the right thing and stop this bill's progress here and now!

Since I read SB 931 to carry some of the same threats to our interest as HB 2656 so am copying Sens, Roblan and Olsen.

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