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I strongly support HB 2659, a bill that eliminates tax breaks for designated forestlands, specifically rescinding tax breaks for large industrial landowners of over 5000 acres. Sadly, Oregon's tax codes for private timberland have been severely weakened, and as a result, the cost of the environmental damages that harmful logging practices produce is passed along to Oregonians. I'm speaking of increased risk of water pollution, landslides and flooding, and depleted water supplies. If the timber industry pays its fair share, counties will receive over \$200 million per year in funding for schools and social services. For those forest owners who employ sustainable practices, they should be compensated for leaving healthy, climate-resilient forests.

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