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Dear Chairman Whitt- I urge you to support HB 2659 (FCIA). We need to change the traditional practices associated with the timber industry so that Oregon's forests can contribute in a meaningful way to addressing climate change. By incentivizing forestry to consider carbon storage as a part of the service provided by our woodlands we increase the value of our lands. Furthermore, current forestry practices endanger wildlife and drinking water and FCIA would help to fix this. The tax breaks that the logging industry has received has left local governments without the tax base needed for basic services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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