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Hello.

I'm deeply concerned that current tax structures are so gutted and modified by years of short-sighted and ill-advised tax breaks that we Oregonians now are largely subsidizing the timber industry.

HB 2569 would go a long way towards rectifying this unfair disparity, and would protect small timber and woodlot owners while making huge timberland owners pay their share. This revised taxing structure would benefit rural counties tremendously, supporting schools and law enforcement, which currently are grossly underfunded.

It's also unfair that taxpayers shoulder the burden and costs of environmental impacts and damages caused by harmful logging practices. HB 2569 would help reduce landslides and water pollution, and would enhance fire protection and aid in risk management.

Please support this vital, workable, and fair, restructuring of Oregon's forestry practices and taxation structure! It's long past time.

Thank you for your time.

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"You cannot stop the waves, but you can learn to surf."