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Dear Committee:

As the daughter of a forester and lifelong advocate of multiple use of forests, I care deeply about the people who live in and with forests for income and recreation as well as all the good that forests do for habitat, clean water and holding carbon dioxide.

The Forest Carbon Incentives act would return taxes to the public at a rate that could substantially benefit local schools. Redistribution of the money now going to subsidize large operations would be shifted to helping those smaller operations (under 5000 acres) that actually are small family businesses. Incentives would be shifted to those who practice more expensive but sustainable practices than the current industrial scale operations. For a current example of what industrial practices have done, just bring to mind the view of the hills above Rockaway. Not only does it look awful but the movement of sediment has contaminated water and harmed stream life.

Yesterday Sen Wyden [pleaded](#) before the Senate to remove tax incentives from fossil fuels to support a Green New Deal and shift those monies to preserving our future without needing additional funds. So too must we reconfigure tax incentives from those large industrialists who negatively impact forest lands by over harvesting, promoting fire through mono culture, fertilizing and killing with substances toxic to other life. If we are to have any hope going forward, we must shift instead to actually supporting the practices known to protect our forests. Small owners will be helped, not harmed.

I trust that you as I are ever mindful of the children who come after us,

Sincerely,  
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