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Dear Chairman Witt and Committee Members,

I strongly support the measures this bill would take to promote responsible and sustainable forestry, allowing our unique northwest forests to act as carbon sinks to help fight climate change while offering the potential for both forest health and job potential. Oregon's logging laws are the weakest on the west coast. Ceasing to subsidize harmful logging practices and rewarding sustainable ones seems like a "no brainer." The corporations that oppose this bill can certainly afford to pay more than \$1.83 per acre, as they do elsewhere and still make a profit. Having such corporations pay a fairer share of their profits to the state and counties will improve social service and education budgets. The bill will not harm small land owners, as it rescinds tax breaks only for industrial landowners of over 5000 acres, and it rewards those who follow sustainable practices, which also offer more jobs. I urge you to forward the bill forward to a working group and eventual approval on the floor.

Sincerely,

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