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Dear Representative Witt,

I have lived in Oregon for the last 30 years, most all of my working life, and I have, since day one, been horrified by the destructive, unrestrained, industrial scale forest mismanagement in our state...with huge scars of clear cuts denuding the land, increasing sediment load to streams, subjecting the land, the water, and innocent people to the spray of dangerous pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, and increasing flooding by the removal of all trees off of entire slopes and hills.

The recent series in The Oregonian helped make things perfectly clear,...We The People of Oregon do not and have not had a fair voice in the legislative process that is intended to enact policies and laws that address the needs and priorities of We The People. Instead the state legislature has protected the interests of large Wall Street corporations who buy influence over our elected representatives, and thus sway decisions to benefit corporate interests instead of the Will of the People of Oregon.

I urge you to support The FCIA bill before you and revise tax breaks to timber tree farm industries who do not adhere to practices which would reduce clear cutting, reduce contamination and sedimentation of our Oregon waterways and drinking water sources, reduce landslides, reduce wildfire risks, and reduce global warming carbon gas release to our atmosphere.

Oregon comes in Last in the pacific nw with respect to protective, progressive, climate sustainable practices...and we now know, this is because The Voice and Influence of We the People of Oregon has not been heeded by our legislators, who have for decades, been serving the self-interests of big corporations instead of advancing strong progressive policies that protect our state against the worst of Climate Change's ravages (fires, floods, droughts, loss of forest carbon sequestration, and reduced clean fresh drinking water sources).

The current tax breaks perversely incentivize timber corporations to continue these damaging practices at a cost of \$300 million in tax dollars each year (per the Oregonian article)...dollars soarily needed by rural communities for public services.

I urge you to act on behalf of Oregonians, not corporate interests. Please support and move this bill forward so Oregon can begin to recover and improve our rural public services, protect our drinking water sources, protect carbon sequestration to mitigate coming climate change disasters, and to mitigate forest fires associated with current tree overplanting and strip cutting slash.

Please listen to the will of the people and take action to sharply improve Oregon's dead-last current forestry practices.

Please support and move the Forest Carbon Initiative Act (FCIA) forward.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Prowell