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> May 21, 2019  
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> Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
> 900 Court St NE  
> Salem OR 97301  
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> Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen, and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,  
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> This is Doug Wolf, Forestry Consultant, who testified to this Committee in favor of extensions for residential development on May 9, 2019.  
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> I would like to make a few additional points:  
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> • Often it takes a long time for small woodland owners to obtain/save funds to build on their land.  
> • We just came through 10 years of recession which negatively impacted income and work  
> • Since the recession we have had only 1.5 years of a strong economy  
> • These properties are many times the main component of the small woodland owners retirement resources  
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> Abruptly terminating extensions is in my opinion unfair to these small woodland owners. I feel some extension timing flexibility should be granted for those with currently permitted conditional use approvals.  
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> Accusations that loss of forest productivity occurs due to these homesites (allowed only in some circumstances) is totally without basis. These small woodland owners generally manage their lands intensively for forest production. I have directly worked with countless small woodland owners over the past 36 years.  
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> The accusation that small woodland owners pay timber deferral tax rates while using the land for development is also without basis. In reality small woodland owners receive deferral status on only those acres in forest production.  
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> The small woodland owners, as a whole, are a large contributor to the wood supply produced in Oregon. They currently own 4.3 million acres, which is 40% of the entire private timberland ownership in Oregon.  
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> Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> Doug Wolf, Owner  
> Oregon Forestry Service  
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