

45 years ago I helped plant 20 acres of farm fields my parents owned with Douglas fir, 3 years ago I cut the very trees I planted. Logging those trees not only sequestered over 75 tons of carbon per acre it helped pay for both my parents memory care until they passed two days apart just 2 years ago.

There are thousands of families all over this State using small timber farms as sources of income to fund long term care for aging parents. This new tax will make it far more expensive to cut and transport the timber and with increased energy costs mills will have to lower prices offered for those logs so our local lumber can stay competitive in a world market.

This new energy tax will reduce the income from those small tree farms many families so desperately need to help care for aging elders.

As a logger, small businessman, and son of two parents who perished from dementia related illness I urge you to drop this extremely expensive and unneeded plan.

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