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Subject: Please read my Story in Regards to SB1530
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Dear Senators,

In regards to Senate Bill 1530 It's been put on my heart to share a little about my life with you tonight. Please take my story into consideration before making a final vote on SB 1530.

Right now I'm resting at home after a regular day at work, my two young boys 1 and 2 years old are fast asleep, their bellies full with a delicious steak dinner from a 1/2 beef we received from a local farmer just down the road. The 1/2 beef we received for free this past fall in exchange for a couple days of hauling some rock with one of our dump trucks to the farmer. Me and my boys are warm and cozy with the wood stove burning, fueled by some trees we cut down on our forested rural property, the property that made us proud first time home buyers 3 years ago, thanks to our "timber dollar" jobs. See while we are sitting warm and cozy, I have a hard working husband that owns and operates our small trucking and logging business still out working in the 35 degree weather tonight. He was hauling a piece of logging equipment to another local logger when our truck had a breakdown.

The logger is preparing to harvest trees, trees that have been sequestering carbon for years, trees that will continue to store that carbon as they are turned into valuable wood products. Those trees will then be replaced with many new thriving seedlings planted with care that will grow and sequester even more carbon from the atmosphere at a faster rate until the process begins to naturally slow as the tree gets closer to harvest age again in another 40-60 years down the road. Trees that will be harvested by equipment with even more advanced footprint reducing technology, then chances are it will be this loggers son, daughter, possibly grand kids that have inherited that land that will be harvesting that renewable resource the next time around.

But changing subjects from my mind as a foresters daughter, and back to my mind as wife of a small business owner and my husband being out working this late, this is not at all an uncommon evening in our household. Truck breakdowns are usually very expensive, they are most always extremely inconvenient and break down at times when we have to meet a deadline and have that truck workin' on a new job the next day, a job where If our truck doesn't show up due to being out of service would lose us that contract and send us searching for the next job to keep the bills paid. Owning a trucking/logging business isn't an 8-5, come home early and get a full nights sleep type of career... but it's also difficult to label it as a career. It's truly a way of life, It's blood sweat and tears with a work ethic that's been engrained for generations, and it's an investment for the next generation in our family. But through the highest highs and the lowest lows, it is still 110 percent worth it. I'm so proud of my husband, and our way of life. I'm so ecstatic for our young boys to grow up and learn from their dad. I just pray that they will have the opportunity to continue the family business if they so choose to someday and that Senate Bill 1530 does not pass and take this away from my family and thousands of other families in Oregon like ours. Thanks for reading, please share

this and I think I just now hear my husbands trusty ol' 6.9L work pickup rumbling down the driveway!

Sincerely, Jenifer Logsdon

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