

Chair Klem, Vice Chair McLain,

I am a retired public school teacher in Eugene who reads my local newspaper daily. I especially like the guest editorials representing multiple points of view.

Occasionally I get to read the opinion of a representative of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and while I often disagree with their perspective on the best policies for healthy forests, I respect their right to advocate for their positions.

But when I learned that I am paying for this organization's right to advocate, I was shocked.

How can taxpayers be required to support a clearly timber growing organization? This is undemocratic.

I urge you to stop funding the OFRI with taxpayers' dollars.

Thank you.