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Testimony Against SB 335

America has always stood for representation of the people. In reducing the eligibility of citizens with practical forestry experience from serving on the Oregon Board of Forestry is unreasonable. This is Unamerican. Decisions made by this committee are critical to our success as a state going forward both economically and for sustainability reasons. We need educated people in the industry to help us make wise decisions about our resources and the environment. Would you put your underaged children in charge of your family budget? These decisions have long lasting effects on thousands of people. Growing timber takes decades and it is not a course easily changed or reversed. Our decisions must be the best decisions going forward!

Putting the Governor in charge of hiring and firing the State Forester gives too much power to one individual who isn't educated or trained in these areas of expertise. We need regional representation of citizens to advise on current forestry issues for all areas of the state. We need regular open dialogue with the community and their experts in order to make good and sound policies for the future.

Please do not pass SB 335 for the good of our state and our future!!!

Sincerely, Daphne Green