

March 31, 2021

Senator Jeff Golden
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Senator Golden and members of the committee:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose SB 335.

I am a non-industrial private timberland owner in Clackamas County. My family has owned our property for three generations, working closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry over the years to impact forestry in Oregon.

It is so important for the State Forester to be appointed by the Oregon Board of Forestry. It is even more important for the Oregon Board of Forestry to be composed of individuals who actually understand the many issues facing timberland owners. Our issues are unique, in part because the decisions made today will impact our forests for many years into the future.

The Regional Forest Practice Committees are extremely important as well, as each region of our state deals with totally unique issues. Timber does not grow the same in Eastern Oregon as it does in Western Oregon, markets are different, bugs are different, fire hazards are different and economic needs are different as well.

Please do not vote to implement these changes at this time. The results could be devastating to an industry already reeling from last summers' wild fires.

Sincerely,

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