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Dear Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of 2357 because the Oregon Forest Resources Institute does not present sound or responsible scientific information to our schools and the general public. I support the idea of prohibiting OFRI from engaging in "generalized advertising for public education."

Of particular concern to me is that OFRI's forestry curriculum cherry picks forest science and skews information to cast industry as benign. OFRI's curriculum underplays the impacts of clearcut logging and presents timber industry messaging points as forest facts. Additionally, OFRI spends millions of dollars annually to push out television, radio and digital media advertisements spreading the message that Oregon's forest laws are strong. OFRI's advertisements ignore the stories of Oregonians currently experiencing the negative impacts of industrial logging, and dishonestly suggest that Oregon is a leader in environmentally sound forestry.

We must also be concerned by the attack on academic freedom, when OFRI executives lobbied legislators and university officials to undermine groundbreaking forest-climate research conducted by a team of scientists at Oregon State University's College of Forestry.

Please act to address these concerns by supporting SB 2357 to pass your committee and receive a vote this session.

Thank you,
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