Dear Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee:

I urge you to support HB 2357 because the Oregon Forest Resources Institute has never, to my knowledge, objectively served any of its intended educational and research functions. It has in effect become an industrial lobbying organization that serves private corporate interests being paid from the public trough. I have no objection to their promoting their own interests, but I don't think I should have to be paying them to do it.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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