

I am in favor of enacting a severance tax on owners of timber at time of harvest at five percent of the value of timber. For the last twenty years this funding has decreased significantly to where Oregon timber tax is lower than Washington and California resulting in Oregon counties revenue being impacted.

The timber industry's impact to the forest ecosystem and watersheds has had an adverse affect due to irresponsible forest management. Too small of stream buffers, short timber rotations, and excessive clear cuts have irreparably dried soils and are depleting water quality and quantity.

I urge you to vote to impose a timber tax on owners at time of harvest. Thank you,  
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