

My son and I presently own timberland which was homesteaded and cleared by my great-grandfather, purchased by my grandfather, left to my uncle, and sold to us by my cousins. The original timber was harvested in the late 19th century; the second growth was harvested in mid-20th century, the third growth was harvested shortly before we purchased it in the early 21st century. When my son eventually harvests the trees that I have planted and nurtured on this land, sometime in the late 21st century after I have passed on, this bill would charge a natural resource severance tax on those trees which I planted, and which we both have cared for over the years. That seems to me a ridiculous proposition.