

Dear Oregon House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee,

My name is Connor Amundsen-Kuester. I write this testimony to state my opposition to HB 2379. Last summer, wildfires devastated entire Oregonian communities. Our state's forests, which provide many rural settlements with income, suffered damage as well from these fires. A newly implemented timber tax will not help the people who lost their homes and livelihoods. I would instead suggest that state funds be directed towards rebuilding rural communities, providing temporary housing accommodations if necessary, and replanting forests. This undertaking would give people who have been affected by the fires shelter and renew their previous income levels.

Regards,

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