

I am writing to you today as an Oregon resident born here in 1951. I have precious memories of swimming clean, pristine waters including the rivers. My family moved away when I was young but I visited family members here often throughout my teens. I spent most of my life on the east coast where pollution and clear-cutting were much more prevalent.

When I finally returned to my home state two years ago I was horrified and saddened to see that pollution and clearcutting had come to Oregon. I thought Oregon was better than the rest of the States. That is why I returned.

I have learned that this bill needs some improvements and I am writing to you in Support of HB 2379.

#1. This bill needs to address large tree farms such as those greater than 1,000 acres or whatever the legislature determines to be large tree farms. Leave the small family plots alone.

#2. Drinking water needs to be protected from erosion and contamination caused by logging and pesticide runoff. (Please make better rules regarding pesticide usage in timberlands.)

#3. All counties, especially rural counties, need revenue from timber harvest. Timber is the wealth of all Oregonians. Let the large corporations taking our wealth pay their share to take it.

Protect us not the timber industry! Protect small acreage tree farms!

Thank you.