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My name is Allison Valerio. I am writing in opposition to HB 2379.

In truth, I feel there are too many timber tax measures in committee this year, 7 direct bills and the usual bill (2070 Harvest Tax – Governor

Regular biennial bill to set Harvest Tax rates).

Many of these bills contradict each other and it is difficult to submit testimony on 1 bill without considering the other 6 as many of the bills proposed eliminate current bills or are directly connected to severance tax bills.

Therefore, I will be brief: NO additional taxes or increases. No new committees (HB 2357). Small forest landowners like myself are constantly under siege with new, higher taxes and more regulation and limitations. Private landowners should be exempt from all the proposed bills. We continue to be stewards of the land and have managed our timberlands better than the Federal and State government (combined). We do what we do because we love our land, the timber, wildlife, and the way of life.

Please stop making our life more difficult and expensive.

Thank you.