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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1501

If this Private Forest Accord (PFA) legislation passes, Oregon lawmakers leave our Century Ranch and timberland operation NO OTHER options but to either sell our timber land or partition the property for homes in the forest. I will have to sell the property right away before buyers realize the negative affect of the PFA rules on our timberland. If I wait too long, the land values will decrease. Secondly, subdividing the forest land will create more wildland fires due to increase in power lines, homes, and people in the forest. This PFA is a takings of over 14 percent of our property without just compensation. This legislation simply steals the trees we planted and the land. I oppose SB 1501 as written and request this bill be held over to the 2023 session or exempt the small forestry owners from this legislation.