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On Behalf Of: Representative House District 56
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB795

Thank you Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,

I want to voice my support for SB 795. As we know, Oregon is a diverse state. Our lands, environment, communities, all have different demographics, geographies, and environments. Expecting our state to be experts in all our diverseness, at all times, at any given moment, is an ask that is unobtainable. Allowing local control over forest lands located in the county, to county officials, allows real time management and decision making that is impossible with state-controlled lands. Being able to act in a manner that supports the counties communities to the maximum benefit of all, including the forest land, is what I see this bill being able to accomplish. Not only will the county have the responsibility to manage its lands as needed, but it will reduce the burden of the state to be overseeing and working all these areas at once. It is time to allow our county elected officials local control over the lands that surround us, sometimes with beauty and sometimes with threat. They are responsible for the citizens that live in the areas our forest lands surround- this gives them the ability to proactively maintain and protect their communities as necessary and responsibly.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our great State.

Blessings,
Emily McIntire