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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Golden and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,  
I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read my testimony on SB795.

Our state government has failed to fulfill its obligation to actively manage our states forestland to the detriment of our rural economies. In a deal made decades ago the state was to steward our forestland for not only the benefit of our ecology but also the return of generated revenue to our counties. Our state government has given into the agenda of anti-timber activists and ignored the social and economic cost to rural Oregon. State government has refused to allow affected counties a part in the drafting and review committees for an HCP that will dictate the use of our state forestlands for the next seventy years. This HCP will devastate county budgets which will result and in loss of critical public services such as fire departments, community colleges, healthcare centers, libraries, recreation centers, K-12 schools, emergency response and the list goes on. The stewardship of our state forestlands by the state government has proven to be a massive failure and the control of forestland needs to be returned to the control of the individual counties. This big brother approach to government needs to be stopped and the power to determine what is best for counties needs to be returned to the counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for SB795.

Respectfully,

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