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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SB1593

As a longtime Oregon resident, I strongly oppose SB 1593. Forest landowners in Oregon don't need an additional tax just to study a way to fund wildfire expenses especially if a severance tax is in the offering.

We have recently experienced three mill closures in Oregon. Forestry employment is a significant economic driver in rural Oregon. Forestland taxation keeps school children in school as well as sheriff deputies on rural roads. We cannot tax our forest landowners out of business.

The Private Forest Accord legislation was very costly for the timber industry in 2020 and Oregon's timber industry is already taxed at a much higher rate than other businesses in Oregon.

Oregonians don't need more taxation of any kind. Please oppose this bill.