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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3489
To the House Committee on Revenue:

I strongly oppose HB 3489 which burdens both public & private forest owners with an egregious severance tax and will result in eventually putting private forestry owners out of business. It will also decrease revenues to ODF which provides leadership in fighting wildfires at a time when all agencies involved in fighting these increasingly devastating wildfires are making inroads into determining causative factors and finding solutions.

HB 3489 also eliminates OR Tree Farm System certification (which is itself certified by both the ATFS via the OTFS as well as by the international certifying body, PEFC. Why remove these agencies which are already successfully certifying sustainable forestry practices?

For these reasons among others, I respectfully ask that you Vote NO on HB 3489.

Thank you!