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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485

Dear Chair Meek and Members on Senate Committee of Finance and Revenue,  
We are submitting our testimony in support of SB 485-2.

We have owned and managed 200 acres of forest land in western Lane County for 50 years. This land has been our home where we raised our two sons and have provided a place for them and their children to visit and enjoy. During our time here we have managed the land in accordance to our goals to provide revenue from harvested forest products, clean water, wildlife habitat and enjoyable recreation. It is our ultimate goal to pass this legacy to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren where they will continue to manage and enjoy Rankin Woodlands after our demise. The -2 amendment to SB 485 will make it possible for us to utilize the Resource Property Tax Exemption.

The Oregon Tree Farm System recognized Rankin Woodlands as the 2016 Tree Farmers of the Year. We are very proud of that honor and are committed to maintaining the goals above.

Senate Bill 485-2 makes this more feasible for us and our family.

We urge you to support SB 485-2.

Sincerely,

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