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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485

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Senator Mark Meek, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for SB 485-2

Dear Chair Meek and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for SB 485-2 and thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this measure that is important to small woodland owners like ourselves.

With 75 acres of forest land, we are but a small piece of the mosaic of owners of forest land in Oregon. We like that many small woodland owners can have a stake in the future of our forests and we appreciate the many creative ideas these owners have and share to enhance the use and enjoyment of forest lands. We are thankful that the State of Oregon supports woodland owners as it does.

Small as we are, we feel privileged to manage our forest land for the benefit of the land, forest, water resources, and wild life while at the same time helping to provide the timber resources that are so important to our economy. We recently thinned a portion of our forest acreage to promote better health and growth for the remaining timber that will eventually be harvested and to reduce the potential for a catastrophic fire. It was good know that our trees provided employment for the loggers and that they were sent to local mills and would contribute to the local economy.

Our children and grandchildren are interested in continuing to maintain this piece of Oregon forest land when we are gone and if enacted SB 485-2 will ensure that inheritance taxes will not force an unwanted sale of the timber or the land. SB 485-2 is a measure that applies common sense requirements that fit the unique management of forest lands and can be met by forest land owners without undue burden. We believe this measure will help many families remain a part of the mosaic for generations to come.

We urge you to support SB 485-2 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roy and JoAnn Von Dollen

Cottage Grove, Oregon