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As a tourist who keeps returning to Oregon because of its natural beauty, and specifically the old growth forests, I fully support this bill and the protection of old growth forests. I would pay more to visit, knowing that money is going towards protecting the nature which makes your state special.

As an architect practiced in timber construction, I support protecting old growth forests, and using more sustainable low carbon building practices than logging old growth forests. Increasing logging of old growth and undisturbed soil would release larger amounts of carbon and waste than the use of new growth pine forests designated for construction.

As a mother and nature lover, I believe we must protect these precious places that inspire new generations of people who will steward our planet in these challenging times. These old growth forests are places of healing which cannot be remade in our lifetimes. Please do all you can to protect them.

Thank you,  
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