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I am writing to ask that you pass HB 2656, the Safe Waters Act. My name is Beatrice "Bebe" Michel and I live in Gearhart, Oregon. The Safe Waters Act is necessary to ensure that I and my fellow Oregonians have safe, clean drinking water free from the sediments, thermal pollution and contaminants that result from current forestry practices.

We need to curtail clearcutting, new logging roads, the use of chemical herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers on forest lands. Toxic algae blooms, risk of flooding and landslides and risk of wildfires increase with current common forestry practices. Salmon and steelhead recovery is compromised by current forestry practices.

I live in a rural community that depends, in part, on the Warrenton/Hammond water supply that draws its water from the Lewis and Clark River. It has been shown that heavily logged watersheds experience a 50% decline in water during dry months and increased flooding in wet months. Clean drinking water comes from healthy forests; current forestry practices are not compatible with clean drinking water.

The Safe Waters Act is necessary to protect our watersheds and our people.

Sincerely,
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