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Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

Stimson Lumber Company is an Oregon family owned business that has operated in the State for over 100 years. We own significant timberland in the area affected by HB 2656 and take great pride in carefully managing that land for the benefit of our Oregon shareholders and the communities we live and work in. That care includes thoughtfulness of providing future benefits for the next generation of shareholders, employees and community members. We work with local water masters in municipal watersheds to time our harvest and spraying treatments and have contracted third party analysis of water quality following harvest and spray treatments. That analysis has demonstrated that the post treatment water quality far exceeds both human and aquatic life governmental standards. We believe in science and believe the Oregon Forest Practices Act is based on science. We do not see a science based impetus for HB 2656.

We respectfully oppose HB 2656.

Sincerely,

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