

## Dunsworth Sabrina

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**From:** T.R. Cauthorn <trcauthorn@hamptonlumber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

i find it reprehensible that our state govt could be so ignorant of the business of timber and the management there of. please educate yourselves to the needs of our state before entering office.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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**From:** Timothy Moran <tim.moran18@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

This bill as written would effectively end timber harvest on private land. It's nothing more than a land grab by the eco nazi's that permeate our legislature. It will also have negatively impact our poorest school districts. This is the typical half witted thinking that comes out of Salem. Please do not doom our state by passing this garbage. The timber industry in this state is among the most thoughtful and careful in the industry with regards to it's environmental practices. This bill is fought with negative unintended consequences and is the stake that may kill the industry Oregon was built upon.

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**From:** Tony Pranger <tony.pranger@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 2:41 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
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Dear Chair Helm,

Please reject HB 2656. There is zero issue with the quality of Oregon drinking water. This is an uninformed or ignorant bill looking to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Or it is just a poorly veiled effort to effectively stop forest management.

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**From:** Trenton Tocher  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:00:10 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

This can't happen as a current worker in the industry I come from a long line of people who relied on Oregon's #1 resource. This is how I support my family. I work for a company that just closed a mill due to this. I'd be pretty heartbroken and would have to move out of state if they closed the one I'm at now.

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**From:** Tyler Robbins  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 3:10:07 PM

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Dear Chair Helm,

Oregon forests are properly managed and do not need this type of extreme legislation. I have lived in western Oregon all of my life and this type of change would be devastating to rural communities.

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**From:** Vaughn Harnden  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 11:00:09 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As a concerned citizen, I write to you to express my opposition regarding the HB 2656 proposed bill. I have devoted my career to the timber industry (30 years), I have watched how timber companies have changed their practices throughout these 30 years, I can attest to the fact that private landowners who manage their land for forest growth and harvest do so with more environmental stewardship than ever before, these companies care about their land and the very forests that feed entire communities based on harvest. Our forests need a good harvest plan, they do not need more legislation preventing the harvest of healthy trees before they become unhealthy and a liability to the environment through fires. We should learn a lesson from our government and its inability to manage our public lands, just look around and see how poorly our government lands are being managed and the dangers that this imposes year after year. I plead to you to oppose this bill, if nothing else, study what is being proposed, what are the impacts, take our private lands out of the government's ability to destroy them through mismanagement, take our private lands out of politics, lives and livelihoods are at stake here. Hear our voice!

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**From:** Yvonne Prinslow  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
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Dear Chair Helm,

This really seems over aggressive. I think we should look at fixing and regulating public land before assaulting private land. Or try a more sensible step by step, on law per bill at a time, peer reviewed option, instead of such an all encompassing blanket of overzealousness. Thank you for your time.

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