

From: Aaron McCardell
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:20:12 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I do not support unnecessary legislation that would decimate timber harvests in the state and weaken Oregon's position as a leader in softwood lumber production.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Alexis Cain <alexis@bosscotrading.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:47 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
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Sincerely,

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From: Anna Smith
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:40:07 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

HB 2656 would harm both rural and urban Oregonians. Rural communities rely on healthy forests for jobs and to attract recreational users. Urban dwellers would be impacted by smoke from increased wildfire risk and would lose access to Oregon's beautiful healthy forests. Well managed forests are in the best interest of all Oregonians.

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From: Ashley Bonnell
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:20:08 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

I believe Timber Harvesting is a vital part of the Oregon Economy and continued over-regulation does nothing but hurt the people/economies where forestry is key. It seems the loudest voice is getting heard, not the majority.

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Sincerely,

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From: Bailey Thomas
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:20:07 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I work at a local lumber company and I am extremely concerned about the negative impact this legislation would have. Water quality in Oregon's forests, including the working forests targeted in this bill, have the highest water quality of all other land uses (agricultural lands and urban areas) in the state.

If implemented this bill would make it impossible to manage private timberlands and result in the conversion of those forests to other uses, which would reduce both water quality and available wildlife habitat, not to mention decimate the availability of wood supply for our mills. The forestlands targeted by this bill represent 78 percent of Oregon's total timber harvest so you can imagine the impact this legislation would have on our sawmills and sales divisions, not to mention the surrounding rural communities and support industries.

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Betty Osborne <spank3@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 1:05 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

PLEASE KILL HB 2656! Look at Paradise, CA! Our forests are priceless and precious and we DO NOT want them mismanaged and brought to ruin like federally-managed forestlands. Wise and careful management (which exists NOWHERE in HB 2656) gives protection to every segment and facet of our forests. The beautiful Columbia Gorge has been forever changed in our lifetimes by raging fires. California goes up in flames every year due to its choking restrictions. As born-and-raised-in-Oregon taxpaying voters and lifetime residents, this bill is destructive in every conceivable way. VOTE NO ACROSS THE BOARD for HB 2656!!

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Bonnie Jones <bonniejones2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:51 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As a child, the woods and wild areas of the state were my playgrounds. I grew up with a great appreciation for the value and importance of our forests, and pursued an education that immersed me in the science and legacy of our natural resources. I believe that I have cultivated a well-rounded view of what is needed to keep the landscape healthy as well as balance the needs of the communities. Because of this open-minded understanding of the big picture, I am ashamed that this bill is even being considered in Oregon. There is no scientific backing that it is needed nor beneficial, and serves to decimate communities and the livelihoods of those who take an active role in caring for our forests. I hope you will take the time to consider the long term impacts of ruling our state by fear and the legacy that it holds. As the representative of my voice, I ask you to please oppose this bill.

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Brent Keller <bkeller@masonbruce.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:16 AM
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From: Brian Vetrone <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:57 AM
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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Bryon Quebbeman <bryonq@eoni.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:09 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I strongly urge you to appose HB 2656.

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From: Carlin Irish <carlinirish@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:25 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: OPPOSE HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please oppose HB 2656 as it would devastate jobs and communities that depend on well-cared-for land.

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From: Charles Thomas <cdthomas@gmail.com>
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From: Cheryl Williams-Cosner <cosner@upperdrycreekranch.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:37 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As a landowner in Eastern Oregon, I am very concerned with the HB 2656. With my business partner and husband, we own 2200 acres of ranch land in Umatilla County. This appears to fall within the boundaries of a watershed that would be restricted by this legislation. As private property owners and stewards of our resources, we work to manage our forest lands to provide healthy trees and prevent fires. Without the ability to cut mature or diseased trees or harvest our forest crop, we could do neither. In the summer of 2018, we had four fires within two miles of our ranch. Without the ability to remove dead or dying trees, we are a very high risk of fire threat, a threat that could take the lives of our livestock and ourselves.

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From: Chris Silbernagel, G <chris@crispcolors.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 7:04 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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From: Christopher Donley
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:40:08 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Collin Thomason <cmthomason12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:30 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As an Oregon resident and voter, this would be a death blow to the forest product industry that employs thousands and thousands of people across the state from all different backgrounds. It is asinine to penalize those that harvest timber in a sustainable manner, especially seeing that water quality on these lands would go down as a result of enacting this legislation

Please oppose HB 2656!

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From: dale holland <hollanddale56@gmail.com>
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From: Dale McCreary <dtmccreary@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 10:05 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please oppose this insane and draconian bill.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Mr. & Mrs. Dan warnock <cdwarnock@hughes.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 9:52 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

There have been studies done that by thinning trees it allows for more snow to get to the ground creating a good snow pack. In the spring when the weather warms up, the snow is released slowly from the forests because of the tree cover. I find it ironic that it is proposed to not manage forest so there will not be the snow pack available, thus there will not be the water available in the watersheds and that is what this bill is trying to protect.

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From: Daniel Daly <dandaly@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:28 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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From: Daniel Weaver
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:10:09 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

We as a society have to stop figuring out ways to restrict and stop the extremely efficient use of our planets greatest natural resource. Trees naturally pull carbon out of the environment that are created from the use of other non-renewable natural resources making it one of the only ways for our world to fight against global warming and the extreme use of fossil fuels that our society currently uses. Mother nature naturally clear cuts and cleans it's forest floor, it's called fire. The lack of forest management has caused fire fighting costs and losses of life to sky rocket over the last 20 years and has left our forests looking like burned and blackened skeletons of what a real healthy forest looks like. I constantly drive from Portland to Sisters Oregon and am saddened to see the burnt forest that has been left without any management causing all of the issues that HB 2656 is trying to stop. Forest fires don't care if there is a river, or how far the trees need to stay on the banks of the water flow to keep water temperatures healthy for fish and wildlife, they don't care about replanting forests once they have been harvested, they don't care about the loss of life that we experience every fire season, they don't care about mass amounts of carbon being reintroduced into our air, etc, etc, etc. Foresters and individuals that live within and off of the great forests of the Pacific Northwest care about all of these very important factors and should be let into the forest with open arms to help create through replanting and manage our planets greatest natural and sustainable resource that we have. Please stop this legislation in its tracks and work directly with the individuals and companies that manage the forests, live off of the forests, live among the forest, hunt & fish in the forests, and truly have the best long term goals and objectives to keep our healthy forest around for many many generations ahead!!!!!!

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Dave Andersen <DaveAndersen@HamptonLumber.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:26 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I've been in the lumber business for 40 years from Idaho Washington and my home Oregon. I have seen all kinds of practices in logging and reforestation. Please do not let this legislation go through! Or it will turn our forests into another California wildfire!

The stewardship in place in Oregon of private lands is the best in the US. Please don't let the legislation mess with what we have taken years to make great. If only our State and Federal lands could follow also!

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From: Dave Kunert
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:30:07 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

Oregon deserves better than this! Oregon's forests have been managed under the Forest Practice Act since 1972. The rules were developed using sound science, not emotion. No disrespect but, how can an elected official look in a mirror and say that HB 2656 is good for Oregon forests?

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From: Dave Salmon <davesalmon@hamptonaffiliates.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:01 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Jobs based on our wonderful natural resource--trees--are fundamentally good for the environment, our communities and our general health. The Forest Practices Act ensures responsible use of all timber lands, both private and public. I absolutely oppose this "safe waters act" as a destructive legislative move that deserves your NO vote. Thank you

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From: Dave Stinson <lumberdonkey@gmail.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

This is irresponsible legislation that creates unfounded fear of the uneducated voter base. Who wouldn't be in favor of clean water? We are leaving out the part that they have some of the highest water quality now. Your proposal would all but end the industry that built the states economy. Shame on you.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: David Hampton <DavidHampton@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 5:54 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Over the last 30 years I have witnessed the evolution of products that are used in the forest to help us manage the influx of a suit of different invasive species that inhibit grow of douglas fir and Western hemlock in Western Oregon. Because we have these new tools, we are able to use less product, ounces instead of gallons, less frequently, 2-3 times in 50 years, instead of 4-6 times. We have better seedling now as well. But they need all the water and nutrients that would be available to them if the competing vegetation was not there. If we loose this tool, we will be forced to use mechanical methods to minimize the competition on the sites, putting people in harms way by using chainsaws, or some other type of flail method on steep slopes to take care of the competing vegetation. This will also take a very long time to complete, there simply not enough forest workers to this work in Western Oregon. So we will loose overall productivity of our highly productive forests here in Oregon. Technology has changed for the better, don't send us back to the stone age, we need the latest tools to do our job! Society wants to build out of wood, we need to grow healthy stands to store carbon, provide clean air and water and have a place for wildlife to thrive. Don't make or thriving private forest into a Federal model. Let us manage our private forests like we have done for decades very successfully.

Thank you
-David Hampton

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From: David Keyser <davekeyser@hamptonlumber.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
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From: David Phipps <dhipps@gcsaa.org>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:15 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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From: David Reader
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:50:10 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

I believe strongly that this measure would be one more example, maybe the most extreme yet, that is overkill. It is not good science to just let the forest turn into wild lands that turn into extreme fire danger. It is not good for animals. It is not good for people. It is not good for air quality as forest fires cause huge damage to air quality and young thriving forests clean the air. It is not good for the economy and people having decent jobs. Please do not move forward with this bill.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Mr. & Mrs. David Silbernagel <davesilb@smt-net.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:11 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

HB 2656 decimates the ability of private landowners to actively manage Oregon's working forests. Private forests are currently managed under a suite of state and federal regulations protective of water quality. Maintaining the productive use of private forests is critical to the economic and social stability of many Oregon counties and communities.

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From: Denise Thran
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:30:08 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

Oregon's private forestland operates safe, sustainable, and well-vetted management practices. Our office is the woods--our employees and contractors spend 2080+ hours a year in this environment. No one on the House Committee can say they spend this much time--can you as a non professional in this industry really SEE what is going on in a few hours a year? No!!! Additionally, we spend our free time in these areas hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. We are immersed in this land. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Water quality in Oregon's forests, including the working forests targeted in this bill, have the highest water quality of all other land uses (agricultural lands and urban areas) in the state.

If implemented this bill would make it impossible to manage private timberlands and result in the conversion of those forests to other uses, which would reduce both water quality and available wildlife habitat. This will decimate many rural communities and weaken Oregon's position as a leader in softwood lumber production. Let us do our jobs to take care of the forests for the betterment of the people--we know the facts.

Don't fall for the liberal hype about what is going on in the forests--people are wound up looking for a cause to "feel good" about. They think because clear cuts look "ugly" they must be bad. Such a shallow uninformed drive-by viewpoint. Even more depressing is many of you are just aligning with the people so you can get re-elected.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Derek Sampson <dloyds1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:18 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I'm a voter, and this issue is quite dear to me. Let's support good science. Commercial forestland is already subject to strict laws and regulation which already protect water quality.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Diane Schendel <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 11:24 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Diane Tucker <lameardi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:19 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

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From: Diann Washburn
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:20:07 PM

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Dillon Van Dusen <dillonvand@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:21 AM
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From: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:30:08 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

I have a family of 6 and I am the only income in my household. I have 3 children and I take care of my retired father. I am able to take care of my family while working in the forest products industry. What am I suppose to do if a log shortage causes my manufacturing facility to close down. how am I going to feed my children. has anybody stopped to think that items like this should be thought out a little more before it goes this far. I feel like no body cares how many cars are on the road. Nobody cares how many square miles of concrete and asphalt have covered the soil in Portland & Eugene. Yet these are the areas that much of these idea's come from. I strongly oppose HB 2656 because it threatens my way of life and the ability for me to feed my family.

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From: Donovan Owings <donovanowings@hamptonlumber.com>
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From: Doug Cooper <dougcooper@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2019 12:25 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

My family has lived in Corvallis and been a customer of city water service since 1992. The water is excellent and meets all state and federal regulations and requirements. The Rock Creek watershed is managed under a comprehensive stewardship plan that supports and allows as appropriate timber harvesting, road construction and chemical applications, all activities this ill-conceived bill exhorts to ban. There is absolutely no justification for this bill. The bill is based on a foundation fear and intent to stop activities without scientific justification. Please oppose HB 2656!

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From: Doug Krahmer <doug.k@berriesnw.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 9:27 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
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From: Dylan Gaunt <Dylangaunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:44 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Mr. & Mrs. Ed H Heilman <lheilman@bctonline.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 10:03 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please oppose HB 2656. We own timberland and have logged some of it. The timber needed to be logged because it had root rot and Conk in many of the trees. If we are unable to log our timber it would just go to waste and our forest would be a very dangerous place to walk or play because the trees become weak from root rot and Conk and could fall over when one is not expecting it. Good timber management like Oregon has now is vital to the land owners and our state. Thank you for hearing our plea. Ed and Elisa Heilman

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From: Erik Vorwerk
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Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:20:07 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I urge you to oppose this measure! Water quality in Oregon's forests, including the working forests targeted in this bill, have the highest water quality of all other land uses (agricultural lands and urban areas) in the state. This bill is nothing but a solution in search of a problem.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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From: Ethan Crowe <Ethancrowe@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:40 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As someone who works in the timber/lumber industry I fully oppose this bill and encourage the committee to as well. This bill will effect the people and economy of Oregon for now and generations to come.

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From: Fritz Ellett
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:00:10 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I am a forestland owner and Oregon resident. I am opposed to HB 2656. It is basically a way for special interest groups to lock up private forest land, the way they have locked up our national forests. Please oppose HB 2656.

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From: Fritz Schukar <user@voterveice.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:22 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
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