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To whom it may concern,

Please support HB 2656 because:

- **H2O quality** - national forests are the largest source municipal H2O supply in the US so they (and other forests) should be managed in a way that cuts down on some of the issues we are seeing - just last year none other than our capitol city had multiple boil advisories due to toxic algae -- which can be caused by rising temperatures and fertilizer runoff -- which this bill would help cut down on. [This article](#) outlines how in just 3 years a third of the US population won't be able to afford their water bills, so we need every tool in the toolkit to try to mitigate these rising costs.
- **salmon** - continue to die in transit in waterways such as the Columbia River due to rising temperatures, which are driven by clearcutting, which this bill would help cut down on.
- **democracy** - forestry accounts for only 15% of the state's GDP but is controlled by a small group of oligarchs with outsized influence in our state government -- we need laws like HB 2656 to advocate for the public good and welfare of all.

Thank you for your time.

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