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To the House committee on energy and environment - I urge you to support this house bill to safeguard the drinking water and habitats in rural Oregon communities. On the Oregon Coast, where I live, many community water sources are degraded by the logging practices allowed on nearby private lands. We often have no control over or voice in the way our local resources are managed, or mismanaged. That contamination of our waters is allowed or ignored is a disgrace to Oregon. A state that prides itself on a beautiful environment should not be overcutting its timber resources and jeopardizing the safety and cleanliness of rural water.

Thank you.

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