Dear Rep. Witt and committee members,

I am writing to encourage support for HB2659 moving forward into a work session, so that opposing sides who support the intent of the bill can come together to hear each other's concerns, and determine if this bill with potential amendments will better achieve its goals than current forest legislation.

In particular I was recently made aware that this bill affects only large industrial landowners of over 5000 acres, and will not negatively impact small land owners. This is not clear from the bill and may make the difference in achieving its intentions on Private forest lands. Harriet Cooke