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To: [Exhibits HNR](#)
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Dear Chairman Witt,

I write in favor of HB 2659. Passing this bill is one way to control the influence of the timber industry while doing something good for local communities and the climate.

This legislation would eliminate many unnecessary tax breaks for industrial forestry and send the money to county governments to both fund essential services and to promote climate-smart forestry. Timber companies in our neighboring states make a profit with the more responsible timber harvest practices of those states. This bill is not anti-logging, but pro- responsible logging. Something we should all favor.

Moreover, this bill would take advantage of the impressive carbon sequestration potential of our Oregon forests. We cannot keep putting off legislation to address climate change. This bill would do something concrete to address climate change with carbon smart forestry and do so while promoting healthy forest practices. And it seems unfair that rural counties struggle so mightily to fund the services their citizens deserve while timber companies receive unnecessary tax breaks.

It is time to end the influence of the timber industry, it is time to vote for this bill that would help all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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