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Subject: Support for HB 2659

Dear Legislators,

I respectfully request that you rescind tax breaks for large industrial landowners. Thanks to decades of powerful lobbying by the timber industry, Oregon's tax codes for private timberland have been largely gutted.

We need fair tax rates for the timber industry, which is making record profits and can afford to pay their fair share.

This bill would not affect small landowners.

This bill would benefit our education and social services if the timber industry paid into our counties at a fair rate.

Forest landowners who practice selective harvesting and preserve wildlife and clean water and sequester carbon should qualify for additional incentives.

Thank you for your consideration.