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Dear Chairs Dembrow and Olsen, and Committee Members,

My wife and I are small family forestland owners in Oregon. This bill is very important for family forest land owners who are concerned about managing their forest as they get older. We are working to teach our family members, who are likely to own the property someday, about forest management. We want to involve them as much as possible in helping us manage the land now, so that in the future they will be able to effectively assume the ownership and management of our forestland.

The bill is patterned after ORS 215.213 (d) which allows for dwellings on lands zoned for farm use if the dwelling is occupied by relative of the farm operator and the relative will assist in the management of the farm. The list of relatives for this bill is the same as in ORS 215.213 (d).

The house committee added additional requirements not found in ORS 215.213 (d) that will need to be met by the landowner in order to qualify for the dwelling. Those are in Section 2 subsections 2(d)(e)(f) and subsection 3 of the bill. These additional requirements are to ensure the property will be in a fire district, will be built as fire resistant as practicable, will continue to be used as productive forest land, not be divided into separate parcels and neither house be used as a vacation rental.

We would greatly appreciate your efforts in getting this bill enacted into law so that we can ensure an effective transition from our generation to the next as family forestland owners.

Sincerely,

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