

On behalf of Timberunity, my family, and those in my small community, I oppose House bill 2674.

Oregon is struggling to stay employed. The pandemic, the forest fires, the ice storms, have put financial burdens on Oregonians like they have never experienced. Many have lost their livelihoods, their vehicles, their homes. Right now every Oregonian deserves to be able to save what little resources we have left, to try and salvage our own lives and communities. Not have to worry about our Legislators constantly burdening us with new taxes.

This bill will further harm an already shrinking logging industry. One who is tasked with salvaging timber from the fires, at an extremely high cost, and with an 18 month, at most, window. An Industry who just lost 1 million acres of timber. An industry who will be hurt from the fires for more than a decade, from the loss of all their viable seedlings.

This bill will hurt our farmers. And this bill will be put on the backs of every single Oregonian, when every item at every store will reflect the cost increase to haul items. We can't afford any more taxes. Our homes are already on the line or lost. Our businesses are on the line or lost. And we have ALL lent all we can to help family thru this, neighbors thru this, and total strangers thru this.

Hearing about the disasters and the pandemic may sound repetitive when reading testimonies, but Oregonians are financially broken. We have nothing left to give.