

As a member of MCAT, and the climate action teams of my two synagogues, Havurah Shalom and P'nai Or, I am writing to support SB335, a bill to revise the governance of the Dept. of Forestry so that our forests can better serve the health and economic needs of Oregonians rather than the profits of Wall Street timber industry. Our climate crisis is the greatest health crisis for Oregon and all of humanity, and our NW Forests have a key role to play in restoring a livable climate for people AND forests. Industrial forest favoring policies have turned a blind eye to anything that doesn't maximize profits. SB 335 will reduce the conflict of interests on the Board of Forestry, as well as eliminate the industry biased Regional Forestry Practices Act committees, which by law must be controlled by the timber production industry. SB335 will help us achieve a more climate conscious forest management plan that balances the various uses of our forests with the critical climate situation we face. thank you, Harriet Cooke, MD, MPH