

March 31, 2021

Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee

RE: SB 335

Chair Senator Golden, Vice-Chair Senator Heard and members of the committee,

My name is Mike Barsotti. I am a family forest landowner in the Lyons area, a forester, and past president of Oregon Small Woodlands Association. I have spent 45 years focused on improving the health and sustainability of Oregon's family forest lands. My wife and I own a small 19 acre forest and have it certified under the internationally recognized American Tree Farm System's Standards of Sustainability.

I oppose SB 335 with its -8 amendments.

The Board of Forestry mission is "to supervise all matters of forest policy and management under the jurisdiction of this state"; and therefore, it is appropriate to have members that can provide insight in all the areas where forests affect Oregonians.

Developing the administrative rule that implement Forest Practices Act statutes is one of the many responsibilities of the Board. It needs members that are regulated by the FPA, and not those that seldom harvest but those that regularly harvest trees. ORS 527.630 provides the vision for the FPA and I argue that the Board cannot meet this vision without members that work under these rules.

On our small tree farm a four-acre harvest netted over \$100,000. If there is to be a dollar value assigned to eligibility for forest landowners, it should speak to minimums, not maximums.