House Committee of Revenue

State of Oregon

April 7, 2021

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I am writing in opposition to HB 2379.

This is not the time to raise timber taxes after a destructive wildfire season and this proposal is anti-rural working timber families type of legislation.

As someone who has worked in the forestry / urban forestry field for over 40 years, I have seen the benefits of proper forest management. Adding taxes does not aid or help forest management.

Really too bad that urban legislators have such disdain and hatred of rural working families, thus the desire of raising taxes on rural working families. This is just wrongful actions from legislators who don't understand the working rural timber families desire to make a living.

I am in strong opposition to HB 2379.

Thank you.

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