

February 23, 2021

Re: Forest Products Harvest Tax; HB 2070, HB 2389, HB 2430

Dear Chair Witt, Vice Chair Breese Iverson and Committee Members,

Whitewater Forests LLC is a family business owning 153 acres of forestland in Lane and Douglas Counties. Our forests are certified as sustainable by the Oregon and American Tree Farm Systems. We selectively harvest from stand improvement commercial thinning on a regular basis. Every decade we clear-cut a tract of mature timber and reforest for future growth. Logs from our harvests are sold to local mills and we pay the Forest Products Harvest Tax as required.

We wish to register our support for HB 2070 and urge its passage. We oppose HB 2389 and HB 2430 as unnecessary.

Sincerely,

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