

B&G Logging & Construction

Thank you for the opportunity to present my comments today.

Van Decker, representing B&G Logging from Philomath, Oregon.

We are a small, family-owned logging company. We buy timber sales from the Forest Service, BLM, ODF, and private landowners in the Philomath area. We log every day to harvest the purchased timber sales and sell logs to 10 different local sawmills. Our logging crew is 40 employees.

We ship 60,000 MBF of logs per year and pay harvest taxes of \$240,000 per year.

This amounts to \$6,000 per employee.

We pay the same harvest tax if the logs came off of state, federal, or private lands.

With the cost we are presently paying for harvest tax, any increase in harvest tax or severance tax will affect the profitability of the company. Therefore, I urge you to vote to not support any bills which increase the severance tax.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today.