

HB 2379

Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

I am writing in opposition to HR2379, Severance Tax

I am President of the Benton County Farm Bureau. We have MANY members with forest businesses. My family and I have small scale tree farms in western Oregon. We WILL ALL BE ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THIS BILL!

It piles MORE taxes on top of the already struggling family forests in Oregon.

It is an OBSTACLE to the people recovering from last year's fire damage.

It PUSHES costs UP, which WILL OBVIOUSLY Delay needed improvements in Oregon's Forests.

It WILL REMOVE forest near towns and cities by economically forcing the land out of forest use.

It will INCREASE HOUSING COSTS, aggravating Oregon's housing problems, ESPECIALLY for those at the bottom economic level

Thank you for your consideration. Please OPPOSE THIS.

Sincerely,

WesleyMiller, President

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