DECKER TREE FARM 23730 DECKER RD. Corvallis, OR 97333

To: Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Thank you for the opportunity to present my comments today.

My wife Ann and I are the third generation of my family to operate this 250-acre working tree farm. My family has owned this land for 100 years. We harvest some timber nearly every year.

We have made a plan for our 5 grandsons to continue operating this tree farm.

My biggest concern is that the taxes will become so high that it will not be profitable to harvest timber from this land.

Therefore, I urge you to vote against any bills which add a severance tax.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today.

Van Decker