



**Manulife**  
Investment Management

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Wildfire Recovery

From: Jerry Anderson  
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Manulife Forest Management

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RE: Support for SB 1501

I am writing on behalf of Manulife Investment Management, Timberland and Agriculture in full support of Private Forest Accord (PFA) legislation. Through Manulife Forest Management, we sustainably manage over 620,000 acres in the state of Oregon with acres covering Eastern and Western Oregon.

We applaud the efforts of the environmental community and our forest sector partners who came together to strike a balance of conservation and working forests. We believe the agreements and tough choices that were made will bring regulatory stability for the forest sector and will bring the additional protections our environmental partners desire, resulting in a robust and resilient forest economy that will contribute countless benefits to Oregon's rural and urban economies while protecting its critical habitat and water resources.

We also highlight the Private Forest Accord investments in adaptive management and resources for the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife that will ensure we have a robust monitoring and review program and funding for mitigation projects. We fully support understanding, affirming, and adapting our management practices such that scientific review reinforces the integrity of sustainably managed forests.

We thank the Legislature for supporting the Private Forest Accord and look to a stable and robust future for our Oregon Forests.