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On Behalf Of: Congregation Pnai Or of Portland

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1502

I am writing on behalf of my congregation and our values of Justice and a healthy, sustainable future for all. We need to incentivize healthy forestry practices and support small forestland owners who want to work their lands in the most sustainable way possible. We need financial incentives to help them protect riparian areas and establish longer harvesting rotations. We know such practices are good for the environment, the climate crisis, AND the quality of timber eventually produced on tracts of land established for timber production- without harmful soil, water, and climate emission consequences. SB 1502 creates an income or corporate excise tax credit for small forestland owners who elect to restrict riparian timber harvest, in lieu of using the harvest option. This excise tax credit will incentivize small woodland owners to protect more of their timbered lands.

Thank you!