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RE: SB 1501 & 1502 and the Private Forest Accord Report

Senator Golden and members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee:

I want thank you for the opportunity to provide comment today in the hearing. I am extremely concerned about the lack of transparency in this process and the behind closed door meetings.

I went to print out the draft PFA Report which is 80+ pages for my husband to read, only to find the document to be blocked from printing. The -1 Amendment of 70 pages came out sometime yesterday and I just set it aside because I didn't have time to really read the document. SB 1501 finally came out and on Monday evening it took two hours with the ORS's on my iPad to get through 4 pages due to all the ORS citations in the bill. The PFA legislation should be easy to read not only for me but for you. The public shouldn't have to look up the ORS to know what the bill is actually changing.

I want to share with you concerns I have with this Private Forestry Accord legislation. Specifically, the legislation does the following:

- Requires SFO's affirm to limit their harvest of timber to 2 million board feet per year for ten years. Timber is a crop and who would limit the amount harvested by a number. I saw no harvest limits for the timber owners over 5,000 acres.

- The HCP will have a much greater impact on coastal Oregon timber landowners as all but one amphibian species reside along the coastal zone as well as the salmonid and other fish species. With all the habitat work done in our County and the millions of dollars spent, I see the salmon are decreasing. No matter how great the habitat, it does no good when the predators continue increasing and feed on the salmonid populations. If you think the HCP doesn't impact coastal Oregon adversely, look at the attached map.

- Hearings on the ODF rulemaking are limited to one. Those of us who are the most adversely affected should be able to discuss our issues and two minutes like today is inadequate. We need ample time and multiple in-person hearings on the coast prior to approval of the OAR's and HCP.

- The PFA actually took our right for "just compensation". This is the most egregious part of the legislation. This legislation is a theft of timber and land.

- Tax credit: This is another section that is ridiculous. First of all, there are contradictions in this section and that was noted at the hearing today. The amount one might receive does not pay for the land, taxes, insurance over the 50 years. The riparian areas will become unmanaged and a fire hazard and haven for weeds. Trees blowing over and falling into the streams without management create sediment loading and when there is a strong storm event with major flooding, they can take out roads and culverts.

This legislation is brought to you by a group, many who have no on the ground knowledge of timber production. There is no written document by the ENGO's which spells out what they will or won't do meaning petitions, future legislation, lawsuits, etc. and for what period of time. Any business person knows this is essential. There are over 100 pages of legislation/a report on what the timber industry will do and I want to see the same kind of documents from the ENGO's to ensure Oregon's timber industry is still able to provide Oregonians with wood, paper products, etc. for a long period of time. Please exempt the SFO's from this agreement so our family operation can continue as we have for over 100 years.

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# 2022 Essential Salmonid Habitat Map

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