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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1534

As a descendent of a Lumberjacks, I Steven Boyce strongly oppose this Senate Bill. This has huge implications that are extremely risky for no value gain to Oregonians or the United States at all. This whole situation needs to be going in the other direction. The State has been reckless and negligent handling our lands. You want to talk about carbon? how about the wildfires we just went through, that was on your watch and you failed miserably. You manage to kill jobs, destroy the land and drive up cost of materials Oregonians use. Nothing you are doing is improving the ability to live here in Oregon. This bill would hold our resources hostage, and create even more situations where wildfires are un-manageable. Yet you could be a solution to the insane housing costs, here in Oregon and the nation.

Putting lumber in a home or building is much cleaner since the carbon you talk of is stored and providing shelter to Oregonians. Letting it burn in a wildfire releases all the carbon you're so concerned about.

Instead of killing this economy, why don't you invest in it, help the loggers keep logging, keep the forest floor clean, so that when tragedy does strike and a fire brakes out our fire departments can handle it. By Helping the loggers you're helping Oregonians get the materials they need, keeping the cost of homes reasonable, and keeping jobs.

Please do not consider passing this bill.

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