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On Behalf
Of:

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Water

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My name is Todd Vaughn, and my wife and I are owners and managers of a VRBO vacation rental in Tiller Oregon.

Our rental is located beside the Umpqua National Forest, and because of the mismanagement of Oregon's federal forests, wildfires have drastically reduced our bookings. We are not going to remain viable as a business if our costs, which have already been skyrocketing, are further exacerbated by this tax-raise. We simply cannot raise prices in order to compensate and continue to draw enough bookings to stay in business. This will ultimately cost the State of Oregon revenue as more and more businesses like ours goes under. It will also damage the recreational industry in small communities like ours, thus eliminating the local jobs that businesses like ours provide for folks that have few employment opportunities.