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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB803

To Whom it May Concern:

I am very concerned about the impacts of SB 803 to our state. I am an employee of a small business in the timber industry. Oregon is the largest producer of timber products in the United States. This state produces timber products that improve the lives of millions of people in our country and the world. We do this following some of the highest environmental standards in the world. This bill will severely impact our ability to compete on a worldwide market. If you really care about the environment and are a free-thinking person, don't impose this bill on us. This bill will drive up our cost of harvesting and shipping timber products. Other countries that have vast timber resources, such as Russia but do not practice environmentally sound harvest technics and renewable forestry practices WILL meet the demand. If you actually care about the planet as a WHOLE, don't push this bill forward.

The proper role of government is to resist and punish those who do evil and encourage those who do good. This bill punishes and resists those of us who do good - harvesting and replanting healthy forests for the benefit of people all over the world.