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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SB1593

This letter is written in OPPOSITION of SB 1593 that would impose a new tax on the gross proceeds from the sale of unprocessed timber harvested on private land in excess of 500 acres held in common ownership in this state.

The history of past “gross receipts” tax has contributed to economic impacts through rising costs of goods and services. The negative impact of this Bill would be higher timber cost – how does the legislature plan to develop affordable housing when taxation policies continue to increase the costs? This Bill reflects the hypocrisy of government who prioritizes “affordable housing” and then places additional taxation on the timber product needed for affordable housing that ultimately impacts the livelihood of hardworking men and women of this state.

Please vote “NO” on SB 1593 to prevent higher costs and impacts to the privately owned timber industry in Oregon.