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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure: SB1593

As a rural resident constituent in a timber county, I am writing in support of SB 1593-1 scheduled for hearing on February 20, 2024. Having experienced devastating wildfires in southern Oregon, specifically the Almeda fire in 2020, I am in strong support of passage of SB 1593-1. As you all know, we have been experiencing a prolonged drought in Oregon resulting in bigger, hotter, and more destructive wildfires throughout the state.

We are all aware of increasing wildfire risk, secondary to the climate emergency known as “global warming” that impacts particularly low-income, people of color and rural residents. This bill will create funding in the form of increased taxes on timber landowners when timber is cut. It additionally provides for a tax incentive for timber management utilizing longer rotations and select harvesting. This has the added benefit of growing trees longer, providing for the most effective natural climate solution to draw down carbon from the atmosphere and store it in forests. I strongly urge legislators to vote YES on SB 1593-1. Our future is in your hands.

Sincerely,

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