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I am a resident of Astoria, Oregon and support SB 1593. There is growing evidence that the field practices of the timber industry in our state materially contribute to the increase and intensity of forest fires in our state and they should pay their fair share for this. I think many in our state support the timber industry for the jobs it provides and the mistaken belief that this industry is owned and run by longtime Oregon residents, which is increasingly just not true. Our timber industry is now materially owned by out of state investors who will take advantage of any mistaken impression our state residents have to drive down expenses and drive profits up.