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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5521

Dear committee members,

I write in support of SB 5521, because we need the Private Forest Accord. This agreement, forged by private industry and conservation representatives, brings Oregon closer to the protections that have been standard in Washington and California for years. Don't we deserve clean water, healthy fish, protected streams? The PFA would better protect wild salmon streams on more than 10 million acres of private Oregon forests.

However, without a federally approved Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan by 2027, the new rules roll back entirely to the outdated standards.

Please support full funding in the Oregon Department of Forestry's budget (SB 5521) for two critical PFA programs. The SFISH grant program for small forestland owners should be fully funded at \$10 million and the Adaptive Management Program designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules should be fully funded at \$6 million.

Sincerely,

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