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Oregon should be proud of our incredible natural landscape and the progress made to grow cooperation between ecological and commercial interests. Please don't let that work, which represents the will of my fellow residents, to be undone. As a young Oregonian I am excited and privileged to contribute to the betterment of our state, and hope you will set a positive example and foundation for my generation's work.

Without a federally-approved Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) by 2027, the new rules roll back entirely to the outdated standards that failed to protect clean water and salmon habitat. Without a solid commitment to fund core conservation programs, Oregon's path to federal approval is unclear.

Please fully fund \$10 million for the SFISH grant program for small forestland owners and \$6 million for the adaptive management program to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules in the Oregon Department of Forestry's budget (Senate Bill 5521).

Genuinely, thank you for making Oregon's environmental and social health improve by proving compromise between multiple groups can affect change.