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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or SB5521
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

My favorite word in the English language is "petrichor," which means "the smell of the earth after the rain." When I think of my home here, I think of that smell. I have lived in Oregon for 12 years. None of my family lives here, but I have stayed because of one thing - the habitat, specifically our wonderful forests.

I know that funding is under threat right now for all sorts of things, and protecting our forests may not be at the top of your priority list. But damage to the environment, most of all our old-growth areas, cannot be undone in FORTY years let alone four.

I respectfully urge you to 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). We must provide more certainty for forest landowners and improve protections for clean water and fish over the next 50 years.

Please protect our home and those who steward it, for all the generations to come.

Sincerely,