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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1051

ONRI represents thousands of Oregonians who OPPOSE this ridiculous bill which is at the request of Governor Tina Kotek.

The Board of Forestry has already been stacked to lean towards the Environmental Groups agenda, closing down our forests and watching them burn. We've witnessed Tina Kotek decision, at the advice and encouragement of Geoff Huntington, her natural resource advisor, to keep the Elliott State Forest closed down to management and sell its 'green-credits' in lieu of sustainable harvesting to generate revenue. We all know where Tina gets her inspiration, getting her hands on MONEY MONEY MONEY! The thing is, if we would manage our forest properly, they would be more resilient to fire, bug infestation, disease and drought. The money generated from thinning and harvest would go into the pockets of loggers, mills, truckers, etc plus fill the county coffers that pay for critical services, infrastructure and schools. Obviously, that money isn't going directly into Tina's coffers, so forest management is OUT!

Tina's reckless decisions towards our beautiful forests keep them in perpetual risk of being destroyed. Tina is NOT a forester, she has no experience nor knowledge of the forests, and neither does Geoff Huntington, but they want unilateral control. NO!

This bill is appalling on many levels! Oregon's governor already appoints Board of Forestry board members. Tina has no wisdom, expertise, or knowledge in forest management. Tina has already showed how she manages forests, lock 'em up and sell their 'green credits' (scam) to the highest bidder.

ONRI vehemently OPPOSES SB 1051!

Sincerely and with great concern,  
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