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On Behalf Of: self
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

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

I am a small forest owner whose land is bordered by industrial timberlands, crossed by a large salmon stream and smaller streams as well, writing to ask you to please make sure the Private Forest Accord is fully funded at \$20 million. I testified for years before the Board of Forestry about the permanent damage to the streams by harvests done under the Forest Practices Act rules. So much time and work went into the negotiations to get a fair and science-based agreement by both timber folks and conservation folks for the needed protections, please do not let this be lost and wasted by lack of support by our legislators. We cannot afford the cost to water quality; restoration is always much more costly than protection. Harvesting is planned upstream of me this spring; I am counting on the PFA to protect the stream.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment. Please respect the work of both the timber community and conservation community and fully fund the PFA at \$20 million.

Mahalo nui,
Candace Bonner, small forest owner