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On Behalf Of:

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:

As a 16 year old who has lived my whole life in Oregon, our forests are my second home. It is also the home of animals such as the marbled murrelet and spotted owl, who risk extinction from habitat loss. I am still young and want me, my children, and my children's children to experience the beauty of Oregon's forests as I have, but with climate change, logging, and other threats, that is far from guaranteed. The Private Forest Accord is the product of years of struggle to preserve these vulnerable bird species and our forests. If it is not funded, it would mean the destruction of so much that I hold dear. Please support this bill. Thank you.

Jasper Bennett