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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

Members of the Joint Subcommittee On Natural Resources:

I do not envy your position where you must decide between so many worthy programs with not enough money to go around and so many of us hoping to influence what gets funded. But I do believe funding the Private Forest Accord is so important to the health of local economies and the health of our rivers and forests that I will add my voice in support. Without adequate funding, the compromises between foresters and conservations to balance vital economic and environmental priorities that took years to develop will fall apart. Prior to the PFA, Oregon saw enough from these two groups battling it out in our communities and in our courts - dividing us - and these battles will begin again if you allow the PFA to fail.

Please fully fund HB 5009 Private Forest Accord with \$36 million for this budget cycle.

Thank you.