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Committee:	House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3489

Dear House Committee on Revenue

We urge you to support HB 3489 to make big timber companies pay their fair share for forest protection. Currently, the largest timber companies in Oregon are paying a fraction of the cost to protect their private land from wildfires, despite making hundreds of millions in profit. Oregonians and small woodland owners are picking up the majority of the tab.

Oregon needs to reinstate the timber severance tax to ensure future funding for wildfire suppression and to support Oregon's timber counties. It is not fair that small woodland owners and Oregonians should pay the majority of costs for fire prevention, mitigation and suppression while large timber companies pay little corporate taxes.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,
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