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

As a long time resident of Clatsop County and a local realtor, I urge your support for HB3489, the reinstatement of the timber severance tax. It is the only fair and sensible way to balance the increased cost of wildland fire fighting, secure the needed funding for timber revenue dependent counties and help secure our future in a changing climate. I am certain the timber companies will cry poor but they are not paying their fair share and will still show a healthy profit once we bring back the severance tax. This will be SO beneficial to the timber revenue department counties. Please ignore the cries of doom and gloom by the timber industry and do the right thing for the people of Oregon. Thank you.