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House Committee On Revenue

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Hello,

Please reinstate the timber severance tax. I was one of the many forced out of my home and property due to the Holiday Farm Fire in 2020. After the fire—when the community was experiencing trauma and terrible distress—we watched as hundreds of thousands of trees were cut, many of them unburned, and many of them old growth Douglas fir and cedar. Believe me, it added to the almost unbearable sense of loss. Timber companies raced upriver to clear cut and salvage vast areas of public land. It's only right that those companies pay their fair share of taxes, especially funds meant to prevent fires or support wildfire education efforts.

Thank you.