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| On Behalf Of:                  | Future generations of Oregonians |
| Committee:                     | House Committee On Revenue       |
| Measure, Appointment or Topic: | HB3489                           |

I do strongly support HB 3489, and i want to stress its importance as both sound fiscal policy and a moral obligation. ? The reinstatement of the severance tax on timber is a way to ensure timber corporations contribute to the communities they impact, addressing decades of disinvestment in rural Oregon. ? Obviously Oregon has suffered the devastating consequences of phasing out the tax, including lost revenue, underfunded schools, crumbling public services, and ecological damage. But the public has had that information hidden from them and other voices drowned out by the thundering footsteps of Global timber stomping the citizens into the mud they leave behind.? HB 3489 would restore fairness, accountability, and economic justice by requiring those who profit from Oregon's forests to contribute to their future. ? The bill is framed as a necessary step to repair the breach between Oregon's working lands and its people, ensuring sustainable funding for schools, infrastructure, and environmental restoration.