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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Michael Barnes and I reside on our family forest near Newberg. Our intent is to pass this 70 acre forested property to our children. The current estate tax makes that difficult. SB 485 contains significant elements that will make the passing of forest resource land to the next generation possible. We are engaged in activities on a regular basis to keep our forest productive and less prone to fire. We control non native invasive species, remove dead and dying trees, keep all access roads and trails open and perform a variety of other tasks.

I fully support the passage of SB485 to enable forest to remain productive for generations to come.