

Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I'm writing to you in support of SB485 because the people of Oregon deserve to be able to maintain their family tree farm legacy and this bill appears to be a step in the right direction. Too many families have lost their legacy connection to the land and the land itself due to excessive taxes and unnecessary and excessive government interference. We need common sense structures that enable families to continue their long-term commitment to the health and well-being of Oregon's forests. It's the people of Oregon with direct personal ties to the land that will continue providing the rich and healthy ecosystem that Oregon as a whole depends upon. While nothing is perfect, SB485 will help move us in a direction to ensure families have a better chance to keep and maintain their forest legacy for future generations.

Thank you

Richard Beers