

June 1, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Hi. I am the owner of a 78 acre Tree Farm near Springfield in Lane County. I purchased the tree farm approximately 27 years ago after it was clearcut. My family and I replanted it, and it is a thriving forest today. We have multiple species, including Douglas Fir, Willamette Valley Ponderosa, Redwood, Giant Sequoia, Alder and Big Leaf Maple. I am currently thinning the forest with the intention of small harvests in another 25-40 years. This forest is important to both me and my children- they were raised in a house adjacent to the forest and both of them have a degree related to Forestry. They are interested in managing the property after I pass away.



SB 485 matters to me because it makes it possible to pass the land to my two children without the tax burden that would occur without the bill. I do not want them to have to cut the timber prematurely in order to generate cash to pay the taxes or sell the property for the same reason. My children would like to manage the tree farm like I have; small harvests on portions of the property with a plan to protect water quality and wildlife.

I support SB 485 A, and I ask that you vote Yes on SB 485 A.

Thank you for listening and I appreciate your service to the State of Oregon!

Sincerely,

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