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Committee:	House Committee On Revenue
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My two siblings and I inherited our family farm when our mother died in 2010. The farm is a designated Century Farm. It has been in our family for more than 100 years. We have 171 acres of property, 140 of which are in timber. It has long been recognized as a sustainably managed forest of some significance. We intend to keep it forested and well-managed into perpetuity.

While we do grow trees for harvest, sustaining forestland rather than depleting it is always our underlying mission. We are always educating ourselves, keeping up with new research and strategies as we face the future.

We support 485 A as clarifying how timber farm management differs from other agricultural pursuits.

Thank you for your hard work!

Diana Blakney, on behalf of Shiver River, LLC, a family timber farm.