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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485

Dear Chair Meek and Members on Senate Committee of Finance & Revenue,

My Wife and I are writing to you to in support of SB485-2.

We own and manage 26 acres of forest land in western Lane County. We plan on passing it down to our kids and their families.

My mother and father thought when they moved to Oregon in 1964 and bought farmland in Yamhill County (Dundee) that they were creating a legacy for their kids; myself and my brother and sister. Land use laws came into affect and changed all that for them. My siblings and I have to sell the property to pay the estate taxes. (includes 40 acres of forest). This terminated the stewardship that lasted 60 years.

If Oregon is serious about caring the Forests remain it needs to help continue in the hands of people who care. People that grow up and on the land are some of the best to count on.

As I manage my trees, I get help from my kids and grand-kids and pass on what I know of as to do the right thing for the trees. We pull the scotch broom and kill the ivy and noxious weeds. We make fire trails and prune the trees to reduce fire danger. Oregon gets this effort for free from people that love the woods and would be smart to help continue this effort.

Please Vote YES on SB 485-A. It will help to keep forests in the families that steward that land.

Kevin and Nancy Currans, Philomath Oregon