

Subject: Please Support SB 485 A

Dear Chair Marks, Members of the House Committee on Revenue, and Representative Gomborg,

My name is Dave Ehlers, and my family owns and manages the J₂E Tree Farm, about 440 acres of forestland in Benton County, House District 10. We are focused on sustainable growth of merchantable timber, maximization of carbon sequestration/storage, and improvement of wildlife habitat & ecosystem function. We were American Tree Farm System Certified in 2001. We've been here for 25 years, and we hope that our children & grandchildren can continue our work.

SB 485 A is important to us because it fixes the \$15 million estate tax exemption. SB 485 A will help my family keep our forest by making the estate tax rules fair and practical for timber owners. This bill makes it possible for us to pass on our land without an impossible tax burden.

Please vote YES on SB 485 A.

Thank you,
Dave & Sarah Ehlers
J₂E Tree Farm, LLC