

Submitter: Chad and Anjali Smith

On Behalf of: Small Woodland Owner

Committee: House Committee on Revenue

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke & Walters

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485 A

Please see the revised support letter below, the wrong letter was uploaded. Thank you.

Please vote YES for SB485 A. We own and diligently work with our family to maintain approximately 140 acres of small forestland. While we ourselves are not survivors of the Holiday Farm Fire, our family members who lived on the property at that time were. The parcel where we now live was impacted, the fire destroyed most of our trees. Our families' homes survived because they followed state laws concerning defensible space.

Starting over has not been easy. Our father treats the trees like his children. He works tirelessly every day, planting, watering, spraying according to best forest practices, and doing countless other tasks to protect our forestland.

SB485 A addresses issues created in SB498. The new amendment is a crucial step in assuring family forests thrive for generations. This is not a new tax break, it simply clarifies and fixes the existing \$15 million exemptions so family forest owners can actually access it, helping keep forests in our family hands and manage responsibly for the long term. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chad and Anjali Smith

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