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To whom it may concern

As the province is facing a huge dilemma moving forward. I ask that careful consideration be given to any new policy considered.

Please ignore foreign-funded groups like Sierra Club, Ancient Forest Alliance and Greenpeace that have received funding from groups such as Rockefellers Bros. Inc. and Chesapeake Energy, etc. Their information and polls are clearly tainted as evidenced by their poll that returned 92% of respondents want "endangered" Old-growth protected. The bias is clearly in the word endangered. To support their claims they love to only show the map of Southern Coastal BC forests, a large part of which is Vancouver and Greater Vancouver as well as the ALR lands of the Fraser Valley and east coast of Vancouver Island. If the whole province was included in their propaganda it would show a different picture, also if the map were broken up into 0 to 10%, 10 to 30%, 30 to 50% and greater than 50% it would show a picture of well thought out managed forest. Please don't fall for their deceptions. Decisions need to be made based on facts, not bias. The forest industry is the largest tree-planting organisation that exists, that is why it is called Timber Harvesting. Just as a Farmer plants grains to be harvested no other group has a greater motivation to plant and manage our forest than does the forest industry. Please keep in mind that the northern hemisphere has more trees than at any point in human history and the fear-mongering only serves foreign interests.

Please consider a market value stumpage fee structure similar to that used in AB and SK as our current stumpage fee calculation leads to the boom-bust cycle that we are currently experiencing.

Please consider approximately 3 Billion dollars annually of wages and workers and their families and the communities that depend on them.

While promoting value-added products first, please realize that we live in one of the largest landmass Countries in the world and that our main export is our natural resources. The citizens of this country's freedom and quality of life depend on the wealth generated through our natural resource sectors.

I have heard commentaries such as climate change is the reason for the pine beetle crisis. I hope that this is not the narrative that is adopted as it takes away from the bio-diversity lesson that needed to be learned.

I have also heard commentaries such as climate change is the reason for the out of control wildfires that have ravaged the province. Again I hope that this is not the narrative that is adopted as the previous administration did not use All of the fire fighting tools at its disposal. Fire fighting tools that were said to be too expensive and yet extremely viable and successful in the past. Please explain to all of the families and workers and companies that now have to close or curtail operations costing BC Billions in lost GDP how using all resources available was too expensive? I realize that this was before this current administration and have seen the deposits to the previous political party that lead to these devastating decisions. Please ensure that they are not repeated.

A concerned citizen

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