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Thank you.

Written Testimony of Laric Cook

Owner, DTL Logging In Support of Maintaining Local Waste Infrastructure

My name is **Laric Cook**, and I own and operate **DTL Logging**, a local timber company that's been part of Oregon's economy for decades.

Let me be blunt: when decisions push waste disposal farther away from where we live and work, the people who pay the price aren't the ones in meetings or offices. It's those of us out in the field — running trucks, loading mills, cutting timber, and trying to make payroll.

In my world, every extra mile costs money.

Fuel, driver time, truck maintenance — it all adds up fast.

If we have to haul waste or debris longer distances because of reduced landfill access, those costs don't disappear. They hit working people first — loggers, haulers, mill workers, and the farmers we share roads with — and they hit hard.

Oregon's rural industries are already running lean.

Fuel prices are up, equipment costs are through the roof, and labor is harder than ever to find. We don't need another policy that drives up costs and drives out small businesses.

This isn't about convenience — it's about economic survival.

Timber, agriculture, and other local industries can't absorb endless increases. Every extra mile on the road is a mile closer to shutting someone down.

Keeping waste infrastructure local keeps rural Oregon working.

Push it farther out, and you'll see more small operators like mine disappear.

So here's my ask: use some common sense.

Don't make life harder for the people actually keeping this state running.

We need practical solutions that reflect economic reality, not political posturing.

Thank you,

Laric Cook

Owner, DTL Logging