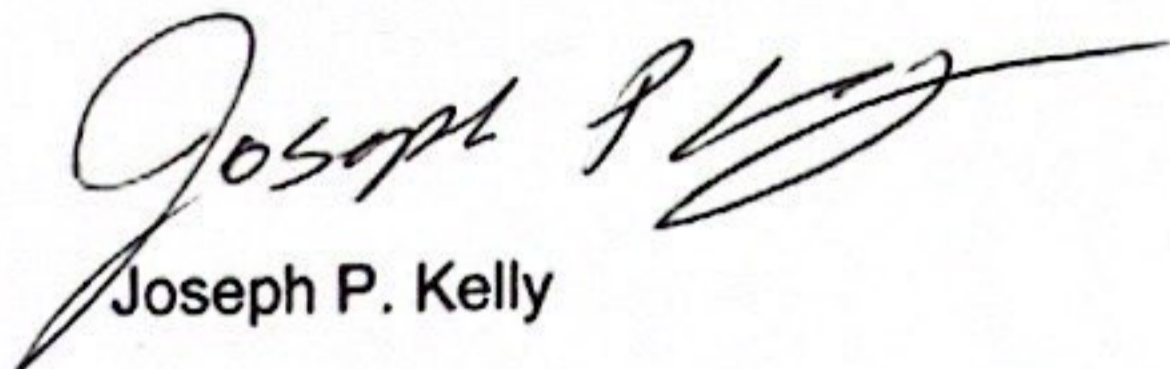


North Shore Logging, Inc.
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Dear Taxation Committee:

I'm writing to you regarding the LD1313 Sales Tax Exemption Bill. I am asking you to please help us by passing this bill. I have 2 Harvesters and 5 employees. Having tax exemption on my service trucks and employee trucks would be very beneficial for my business. The past couple of years have been very hard on all loggers. The cost of parts has gone up significantly, not to mention insurance costs have skyrocketed. I am now paying more wages to my employees for working less hours as well. Labor costs and taxes continue to spike. We now have additional taxes to pay on our employees this year. Last year I was questioning why I bother doing this at all. This year my income was significantly less than last year. I am seriously considering looking for other avenues. I cannot continue to work this hard for no reward. We have no incentive to do this anymore. I ask you to please consider this bill. Every little bit helps.

Sincerely,


Joseph P. Kelly

