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Dear Matre Forestry Newsletter Subscribers,

VOTE YES TO GEORGIA AMENDMENT 3!

Georgia timberland owners pay the highest property taxes in the southeastern US, probably around twice as much as many southern states. You can solve that injustice by voting yes to Amendment 3.

Lean more about Amendment 3 at https://www.fairforesttax.org/. The website has good information, plus some powerful video testimony from landowners.

Following is a short excerpt from https://www.fairforesttax.org/:

It takes between 25-40 years for trees to reach a level of marketability. Property taxes are due annually. This is a disincentive if taxes are too high. Currently, conservation programs (i.e. CUVA and FLPA) do not work for every landowner, and 4.7 million acres of "Rural Woodlands" pay up to \$15.42 per acre on average. Solution:

- Establishes a new class of land that is assessed at fair market value as determined by the Department of Revenue (rather than 159 different county tax assessors)
- Land must be at least 50 acres and managed for bona fide timber production
- No covenant is required
- Owner must file an annual eligibility certification

NOTE: Amendment 3 does not impact CUVA



www.fairforesttax.org

Thank you. Please continue praying for our farmers and timber growers, who are suffering storm damage like we have never seen before, and all others directly and indirectly affected by Hurricane Michael. But, life goes on, and when you walk through the fire, you come out stronger. That is God's great design. So, in this time of storm recovery, please take the time to slow down and vote. This is probably one of the most important midterm elections ever. This is no time to sit on the sidelines and figure whats the use. Your vote is critical. Just look how so very close our last few presidential elections were. And with local races, your vote is even more critical. With the country so evenly divided, every vote surely counts - so, make your voice heard! God bless the USA!



PS - Salvage loggers needed!

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