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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB4106

Dear Committee Members:

As a Clatsop County Resident, I urge you to oppose HB 4106 regarding state forest management. This is an extreme bill proposed in response to the Habitat Conservation Plan and Forest Management Plan process, now years underway.

Our state forests have multiple values beyond timber revenue. They provide rural communities and households with clean and abundant drinking water. They provide recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. In the face of the climate crisis, they sequester huge amounts of carbon. This bill would direct ODF to prioritize money over and at the expense of those other very important values. It would result in more lawsuits, costing us all more.

I am a small woodlot owner with drinking water from adjacent forests. I know this issue well. My family, including my 8 year old child, will see the results of forest management in the long term. May it be better, not worse. Thank you for your leadership.

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