Submitter: Ellen Hall-Chave

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural

Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3103

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

It is vital that you oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. We must do as much as we can to preserve our remaining wild spaces for the long term economic and health benefits they give to our state.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Thank you for listening,

Ellen Hall-Chave, MD