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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,

As a child I grew up in Clatsop County, spending most of my free time in forests. Every time a new parcel of forest was clear cut or turned into a timber farm it broke my heart - at that time I didn't know how much it mattered to our greater ecosystems and environment.

Conservation is imperative to our future. For this reason I 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.

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.

Sincerely,  
Sara Libby