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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,

I am staunchly opposed to House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This bill pushed forward by the timber industry so clearly undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan. We do not want to see more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and critically endangered and at risk wildlife, and less carbon storage.

HB 3103 prioritizes the harvesting of timber over other values on state forests. The bill requires the state forester to set timber harvest targets by rule, and so would subordinate all other plans, policies or directives made by the Board of Forestry. These include policies protecting fish and wildlife habitat, clean water and recreation.

Please - I urge you to oppose this bill. I believe this committee should focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for children and ask Oregonians. We are begging you to think of the future generations, to keep Oregon as green and wild and healthy as possible.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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