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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 oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. I was a public educator on Oregon and its natural resources for a decade. This timber industry bill puts their short-term profits ahead of the interests of the people of Oregon, including safe drinking water, as well as fishing, hunting, conservation, and the long-term survival of rural communities and jobs. It undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan. Passing HB 3103 would result in more lawsuits, more clearcuts, less habitat for salmon and other wildlife, and less carbon storage in our forests. That means less protection from high temperatures, winds, and wildfires for Oregon and its people.

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,
Aaron Link