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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. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clear cuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. This bill would result in loss of forest, rather than sustainable forest management, a long time goal of Oregonians. Prioritizing logging jobs over long term sustainable is no solution to the many environmental problems we have in this state, including recent wildfire losses.

In a time of accelerating climate change, we need you 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,
Katherine Foldes