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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I urge you to oppose HB 3103

A forest has much more value standing than as lumber or wood pellets. A forest has much more value than a tree plantation. A forest will cool its surroundings, enrich soil, prevent erosion, hold and purify fresh water, constantly pull large amounts of atmospheric carbon dioxide into its living matrix and provide habitat for hundreds of other species. A clearcut despoils all of these benefits.

I am a retired biologist and grandparent who treasures time spent walking through intact mature forests. I value all the forests do for us and the only cost is that we let them live. I believe the rate of climate change is increasing and that removing forests will result in more droughts and increased heat, which will result in forest fires burning with greater intensity and damage.

By opposing HB 3101 you keep the Climate Change and Carbon Plan strong. You will decrease the clearcuts and increase carbon sequestration. By opposing HB 3103 you will preserve habitat protection for salmon and wildlife and protect the many forest benefits for future generations. Thank you for considering my point of view.