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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I am a 75 year old native Oregonian so I have watched the logging controversy for many years. I urge you to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels. We must log within the ability of our forests to remain healthy. An oh, by the way? logging any old growth, even one tree, should be banned permanently. Old growth is an irreplaceable natural gift and very little of it remains.

Oregonians expect their leaders to stand up for our environment, not cave to the demands of timber executives seeking bigger profits.

The State Forest HCP was developed with years of public input, and the courts have upheld Oregon's right to manage these forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon).

Oregon's state forests are meant to serve all of us. Now is the time to make it clear that these lands must be managed for clean water, wildlife, recreation, and future generations—not just logging.

Reject HB 3103.