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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 Western Oregon state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. It would also imperil key drinking water sources. Lastly, it prevents ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon plan. As an ecologist and supporter of our natural resources, this would have a major detriment on our precious habitats, wildlife and resources. Habitats that many Oregonians cherish and choose to live here for. We rely on our state public forests, economically and ecologically, and this bill would renew attacks on this vital ecosystems.

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 current and future generations.

Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Meredith