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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose HB3103. Over several years and many public hearings Oregonians clearly voiced their support for the Habitat Conservation Plan for our state forests. HB3103 is an attempt to make an end run circumventing the public's clear preferences in state forest management. Our private industrial forests will continue to be managed as plantations and clearcut on a short rotation basis. To offset this extreme impact public forests must be managed to meet a broad scope of values. The most valuable product of our forests is clear cold water, for fish, for drinking and for our dairies here in Tillamook County. Logging has a negative impact on healthy watersheds. Short term profit does not outweigh the long term values of healthy forests.