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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

A bit of backstory: I was born in Eugene, grew up in rural Lincoln County on the edge of the Siuslaw Forest, and have lived in Oregon uninterrupted for the past 35 years. Having lived through many different approaches to stewarding this resource, I urge you to reject House Bill 3103. As a person who has worked in planning and sustainability, I recognize the outcome of logging to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels. If you want to have something of value to leave your children and theirs, it's time to stand up for our environment, and submit 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*). These forests demand balance, are meant to live beyond each of our individual life spans - they are meant to serve all of us if we are wise stewards. 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. Please reject HB 3103.