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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 writing to urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to reject House Bill 3103. Bill 3103 will force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at dangerous levels, hurting recreational opportunities, habitat for wildlife, and creating an environmental catastrophe.

As a born and raised Oregonian, I expect my leaders to stand up for our forests. Please, don't cave to the demands of timber executives who are only concerned for their bottom line! Their only concern is for bigger profit, not for the benefit of the public.

Public input was gathered over years to develop the State Forest HCP and the courts have upheld Oregon's right to manage our forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon). This is critical because -- despite what the timber industry says is best or 'sustainable' -- we have duty and right to protect our beautiful state for the benefit of the public and generations yet to come.

Oregonians deserve forests that serve all of us. Now more than ever, we need leaders like you to make clear that these lands aren't up for grabs. They must be managed for clean water, wildlife, recreation, and the children I someday hope to raise here...not just logging.

Please reject HB 3103.