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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.

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,

Jessica Campbell

P.S. The remaining old growth in Oregon should be a point of pride for all Oregonians on either side of the political spectrum. Not just seen as a commodity. It is selfish and short sided to prioritize logging in what little remains. In a time where beautiful places in this country are at risk of destruction by the extractive industries, Oregon should be leading the fight to protect our forests in the present and for future generations.

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