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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

For years, along with fellow citizens and stakeholders, I have contributed to the development of the New State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan. I want to strongly urge rejection of HB 3103, a pro-timber harvest piece of legislation that is designed to bypass or negate the hard work of Oregonians and State government officials who understand the important role that our state forest lands play in protecting aquifers and healthy water sources, maintaining nature-rich recreational resources that contribute to Oregon's tourism economy, and enhancing salmon and wildlife habitat toward the goal of providing ecologically viable ecosystems for generations to come. Equally important and troubling, HB 3103 will preempt implementation of the Climate Change and Carbon Plan by the Oregon Department of Forestry for at least ten years, thus undermining carbon sequestration goals in the struggle to adapt to the impact of climate disruption and global warming. Climate scientists are screaming, "the world is on fire". Delaying action on climate action for the sake of sustaining unsustainable timber harvests is madness, as is enabling another generation of time-consuming, war-chest court battles, not least of all with the chaos now being issued by the unpredictable Trump Administration in Washington DC. Time for Oregon to stand tall for forests and be a national and world leader. Please reject HB 3103.