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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 state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

HB 3103 prioritizes timber harvest over other values on state forests.

HB 3103 undermines the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

HB 3103 prevents ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan

HB 3103 would result in more litigation. It would establish a new right to sue the Oregon Department of Forestry over state forest timber harvest plans to obtain court orders that compel more clearcuts on public land.

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 our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.