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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

At this time when our forests are facing serious threats from Trump and his allies who are pushing for special interests to be able to clear-cut and mine on virtually all public lands, we absolutely cannot afford to promote further forest destruction on the state level. Please reject HB 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels despite the bill's description stating otherwise. Instead, we must pass stronger forest protections that centers input from Indigenous communities and scientists.

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).

Now is the time to make it clear that our forests must be managed responsibly for clean water, wildlife, our climate, and future generations—not reckless logging by special interests that only care about their short-term profits.

Thank you for your consideration.