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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,

My family & I oppose House Bill 3103 & its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the Western Oregon state forest habitat conservation plan which will lead to lawsuits (added unnecessary costs to taxpayers). It would result in more clearcuts which as we have witnessed endangers homes, communities & natural habitat especially during rainy season. It will cause habitat for salmon & wildlife to become more threatened & it decreases Oregon's carbon storage capacity. It would 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 (meaning better air quality & better health outcomes for us all) in our state forests & safeguard our public resources for current & future generations.

At a time with an outright climate science denying president & his money grubbing cronies are doing everything to kill off this planet, I would like to have faith in my State elected officials to do everything in their power to keep us safe & healthy. Allowing this bill to pass means you all are no better than the Trump administration.

Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.