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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. Oregon's forest are so vital to us as a people - they enrich and define us. We need these areas to feel at home with our surroundings. Preservation and enrichment should be our focus - not an afterthought.

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 do not undo all the momentous work put in that have protected the Oregon habitats to today.

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

Sincerely,

Ananda Diener