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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 Western Oregon state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. It would also 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 in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for current and future generations.

Please do not let this bill pass out of committee. The future of Oregon's forests depend on better bills which actually protect habitat and clean water. Our health is directly tied to the health of state forests. Clearcuts are detrimental to animals, water, and the ecosystem. With the climate crisis only worsening, we cannot afford to lose the valuable carbon storage, habitat, and water filtration that these forests provide. People all over Oregon deeply value recreating in these forests and the natural beauty is a particular draw- don't mutilate the forests for profit at the expense of healthy habitats and lovely places to play.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Landman