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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.

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.

It has been scientifically proven that old growth trees in addition to providing habitat for sensitive species and taking carbon out of the atmosphere, also provide a very important interconnected underground network that help nourish other trees in the forest. Why are these trees being logged? They should be protected no matter what. These old growth trees are not only important for us here in Oregon, but affect climate change around the world.

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