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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 infringe on wildlife and negatively affect carbon storage.

My family comes from out of state and we are amazed by Oregon's wildlife. I am often encouraged by the culture here that sets such a standard in environment and exploration of Oregon's natural beauty. I also appreciate the future of Oregon's natural lands and the influence we may have on other communities- showing that this is valuable and not something to take from. That we have a future here and it's possible for more communities to prioritize habitats for their sustained futures too.

I urge you to oppose this bill. 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 let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Katherine Berger