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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,

As someone who cares deeply about the environment, I oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clear-cuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

I work in an industry whose sole goal is to mitigate the risk of wildfires. We know that young, densely planted tree farms burn hotter and faster than older, diverse forests. We know that clearcuts and plantations dry out faster, creating highly flammable landscapes. We know that changes in the climate from carbon emissions lead to more catastrophic fires. In Oregon, logging is already the largest source of carbon emissions. Increased logging that preempts ODF's Climate Plan would lead to more of these bad outcomes.

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 don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,
Anna Norman