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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I urge you to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels. Oregon's public forests aren't just trees—they are lifelines for our climate, clean water, fish and wildlife, and future generations. Our State Forests alone provide drinking water for over half a million people, shelter six salmon stronghold rivers, and sustain imperiled species like the marbled murrelet, coastal marten, and red tree vole.

Oregonians expect their leaders to stand up for our environment, not cave to the demands of timber executives seeking bigger profits!

The State Forest HCP was developed with years of public input, and the courts have upheld Oregon's right to manage these forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon). We need to continue to keep the common good in mind and in practice! Do not let the demands of timber executives alter the best practices for all to the whims of a few.

Oregon's state forests are meant to serve all of us. Now is the time to make it clear that these lands must be managed for clean water, wildlife, recreation, and future generations—not just logging.

Please reject HB 3103.