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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

HB3103 is a travesty to the public process. After years of broad stakeholder negotiations, a sensible agreement was reached. We attended some of the public hearings, traveling to do so because these issues are so vital to the future for all of us. We heard the needs of timber communities and these were balanced by the needs of clean water, habitat for wildlife- including restoration of our drastically endangered salmon, recreation, and the needs of a livable climate. Oregon State forests are our opportunity to demonstrate these values and hold the line. Timber profits are not a priority over these broad and essential values. HB 3103 would prohibit ODF from using the HCP until approved by Federal agencies, which we know has been horribly corrupted by the Trump administration. HB 3103 requires a rule that preempts our much needed climate plan. Lastly, it opens a door to lawsuits against the Oregon Department of Forestry for upholding a well thought out forestry plan over timber profits. We strongly oppose HB3103. It should be staunchly opposed in this first hearing.