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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I trust that you, as the people's representative, will act in response to our collective need to protect the small amount of forest that is left in our state. Think of your grandchildren's children. Access to forested land is integral to a healthy life in our region. The amount of logging that has happened in the last 8 years is striking. Increased winds and temperatures are directly related to removal of trees. The proliferation of clean air and abundant water depends on forest health. This issue is hugely consequential to our ability to live in this place: Oregon specifically and planet Earth broadly. The profits that timber companies and stock-trading stakeholders would make from increased logging is certainly NOT worth the irreversible destruction of forest ecosystems. Do you understand that humans co-evolved with trees?

My plea today is for your to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry into decisions that would lead to reckless and unsustainable logging.

As our representative, it is your duty to support State Forest HCP, which was developed with years of public input. The courts have already upheld Oregon's right to manage these forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon).

Thank you for your service to our communities and your attention to this statement.

Please reject HB 3103.