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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 strongly oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. I support protecting Western Oregon's state public forests and I am against prioritizing clearcuts as opposed to clean water, fish and wildlife, recreation, and climate chaos mitigation. This timber industry bill undermines the Western Oregon state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. It would also imperil key drinking water sources.

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 current and future generations. Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Ensign
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