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On Behalf Of: self
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

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Dear Legislators:

I write to strongly oppose House Bill 3103, which would make a rule to prioritize timber harvests over ecological and environmental protections that are already in place. This is completely the wrong direction, and flies in the face of the Oregon Board of Forestry's own mission statement and work to protect mature / heritage forests and diverse species, manage forest for maximum fire protection, diverse jobs, and economic possibilities.

Why this bill? There is only one benefactor in this ineffective, destructive bill – industry that is making huge profits through deregulation.

The Oregon legislature is tasked with future actions that center climate change. This is an ethical responsibility and makes sense on every front--economic, health, well-being.

Please oppose House Bill 3103 and protect the people, the forests, the watersheds, and the life of this region.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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