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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 have lived in Oregon for 25 years and I oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. Our forests serve multiple purposes in addition to timber and must be managed for multiple uses - fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, as a buffer from climate change, and sources of clean water. Clearcuts immediately erase all of these immeasurable benefits for decades, and have irreversible impacts on threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. Clearcuts are a death sentence. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

I urge you to oppose this unnecessary bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase habitat, carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,
Libby Smith