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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 oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan which was drafted by environmental scientists. This bill would result in habitat destruction, create a blight upon our wonderful scenery, and destroy the reputation of our state as a place for outdoor recreation and conservation.

Take a lesson from our European allies and history. As a result of unmanaged and rampant industrial "progress," many of our European allies no longer have old growth forests and true wilderness areas. The U.S.'s wealth lies in more than what we can gain from mining, digging, cutting and ripping up from the earth. At what point do we decide we've sacrificed enough of our planet for greed?

Instead, please focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations. Oregon is a beautiful place. Let's keep it that way.

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

Sincerely,  
Cindy Shepard