Submitter: Teresa Barnes

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. The last thing our state, or our planet, need right now is a timber industry bill that will allow for more clearcuts and less carbon storage. Forests are living ecosystems that nourish us both physically and spiritually, and it feels both short-sighted and unethical to destroy living things to enrich a relatively small percentage of people. I urge you to oppose this bill and instead focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard them for future generations.

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

Sincerely, Teresa Barnes