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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.

I live in Astoria, OR and the forests add to our quality of life, they bring carbon storage and fresh air, and they have been here before many of us even came here as settlers. This IS Kallapuya and Chinook land. The original peoples of this land knew how to live in accordance to the natural laws, and these natural laws must be listened to once again or else our future generations will pay a bigger price. We are incurring a massive ancestral debt with the logging of these forests, and the impacts that it has on the ecosystem, the wildlife, the waters, the salmon, and the bees affects us all. 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.

We must be able to see greed for what it is, and stand up to it for the sake of the wellbeing of our shared plant, animal and human relatives on this earth as well as for the future generations.

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 our children and future generations.

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

Sincerely,

Aislinn