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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,

Opposing HB3103 is the most rational stance a lifelong Oregonian like me can take. I grew up in the woods alongside loggers and their families, and I learned that there is more than one way to skin a cat. Clearcutting healthy forests is the short sighted way. The other way has been laid out clearly in the state Habitat Conservation Plan, which took hundreds of people and thousands of hours to create. It is ready to implement. Opposing HB3103 is rational because in 2025 we know more than ever the consequences of intensive resource extraction to our water sources and wildlife. We know that a balance of tree age is needed for a truly healthy forest. And we know that without a healthy forest habitat, we run a great risk of loss to species - each of which makes it their home. We also know that the biggest trees help the surrounding forests thrive. They are good for business, and worth more when they are standing. We can do better than this bill. We have a plan, let's use it and see what happens. It's the HCP. Say no to HB 3103. It's taking us backward. We don't want to go there. Thank for reading this!

Sincerely,  
Jesse Jones