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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I strongly oppose HB 4105, as it would result in more clearcuts, when what we need is to protect our forests and focus our efforts on developing and practicing sustainable logging operations throughout our state. This way, we can keep our forests healthy and able to support healthy fish populations, wildlife habitat, and recreation opportunities. As an outdoor enthusiast who has lived all around Oregon for over 20 years, I have witnessed our forests being abused and turned into sterile tree farms that cannot sustain healthy water systems, abundant fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, and offer crucial carbon absorption and storage.

Furthermore, HB 4105 threatens to undermine the implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan for state forests that we have fought so hard for. Please oppose this measure and keep Oregon forests healthy and thriving for generations to come.