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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Dear Co-Chair Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the
Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4105 because it prioritizes logging over old growth, wildlife, water quality, recreation, and fighting climate change. Oregon's forests have been decimated over the years by clear cuts that endanger everything that Oregon is known for. We need much stronger protections for Oregon's forests rather than more of the same destruction. A few years ago, I went to the Tillamook State Forest, and I was appalled and heartbroken over the massive clear cuts to that forest. In many places vast areas were reduced to nothing, literally nothing, similar to a moonscape or war zone. I have not been back to this area since. HB 4105 would only ensure once again that money rules at the expense of every other interest. We know that complex forests provide clean water for our communities, habitat for our fish and wildlife, recreation for Oregonians and the millions that come to visit and are an important tool in fighting climate change. Industrial logging endangers all of this. I therefore, urge you to oppose this bill and instead, support other bills that would focus on sustaining and restoring Oregon forests now and in the future. Thank you for your time.