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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

As a native Oregonian I strongly oppose House Bill 4105 which would extend clear cutting and logging in our Oregon forests. We need to protect and preserve these forests because these forests protect our air, provide clean drinking water for 500,000+ people, and are important habitats both for our Oregon river salmon and 17 Oregon species that are endangered or at-risk species.

This bill is an expensive waste of taxpayers' dollars which would allow timber companies to sue the ODF for alleged violations of timber harvest rules. The ODF has exceeded its harvest objectives for the last 10 years, so why should we allow timber companies to sue for the right to cut down MORE of our forests and cost us upwards of an estimated \$10million every two years in ODF and DOJ staff time and legal fees?

I oppose House Bill 4105 because it will gouge our forests in a time where we continue to teeter on the edge of irreversible climate disaster. Our intact forests already drive a \$550 million outdoor economy and support over 10,000 jobs on top of the climate they help safeguard. As an Oregonian and a constituent, I urge you to protect our beautiful forests and vote NO on House Bill 4105.