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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-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. This bill prioritizes timber interests at the expense of Oregon's state forest habitat conservation plan and would lead to increased clearcutting, more litigation, reduced habitat for salmon and wildlife, and diminished carbon storage.

Our forests have already suffered immense damage from wildfires, which have devastated ecosystems and placed salmon and many other species in increasingly vulnerable and detrimental conditions. Advancing legislation that increases logging pressure would only deepen these harms and slow the recovery of already stressed landscapes.

Oregon families thrive in a state that puts its forests, wildlife, and clean water first. Protecting these public resources is essential not only for environmental health, but for the long-term well-being of our communities and future generations.

I urge you to reject this bill and instead focus on policies that increase carbon storage, safeguard critical habitat, and ensure responsible stewardship of our public forests.

Please do not allow House Bill 4105 to advance out of committee.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Lopez