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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Dear Chairs Helm and Owen, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly oppose HB 4105. Logging should NOT be prioritized over all other uses of State Forest. The bill would be expensive and unnecessary. It is an assault on carbon storage, is unscientific, paves the way for excessive clear cutting, reduces habitat, and opens the door to lots of timber industry lawsuits which I as a taxpayer most especially do not want the state to have to deal with monetarily.

Don't allow this bill out of the committee. It would be an expensive and shortsighted mistake. The Department of Forestry already sets timber harvest goals and we don't need legislation that threatens waterways and undermines the interests of our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.