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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

First, I would like to thank committee members for their service.

Secondly, I would like to urge the committee to oppose HB 4105.

HB 4105 emphasizes guaranteed timber outputs over ecological goals. Most of us are aware that few things are guaranteed in life, and timber outputs from our state forests certainly should not be one of them because ecological conditions, as well as our knowledge on how to manage multiple resources can and do change.

Locking in timber harvests undermines habitat conservation planning that has already been negotiated and would just put us back into another round of endless litigation. The ability of the State Forester to manage for multiple resources valued by Oregonians would be jeopardized.

Please vote NO on this terrible and contentious bill. We do not need to continue the timber battles of the past. Oregonians also value salmon, Northern Spotted Owls and other sensitive species provided for by the Western State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Thank you for considering my comments.

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