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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or HB4105  
Topic:

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

I oppose House Bill 4105. This timber industry bill prioritizes timber production over other forest values on state forests. It undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. There is little holding the timber industry accountable as it is, and we cannot afford to lose more valuable forest.

The bill is unnecessary. The Department of Forestry regularly meets or exceeds its timber harvest goals, often at the expense of clean water, habitat for fish and wildlife and carbon storage goals. Clear cutting forests hurts far more than just trees, and these diverse habitats take centuries to fully recover to their natural state.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Eva Tomlinson