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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 oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. This timber industry bill 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.

I urge you to oppose this bill. HB 4105 would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by putting clearcuts above fish, wildlife, clean water, recreation and other values that Oregonians cherish in our state forests. This includes jeopardizing the implementation of the Western State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that we have fought so hard for and also preventing the Oregon Department of Forestry from managing its forest to sequester carbon.

We have made tremendous progress protecting clean water and habitat for wildlife like Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl as well as endangered salmon. This bill would harm all of that hard work and would also threaten safe drinking water for the half-million residents who rely on state forest watersheds.

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

Sincerely,
Anne Buckley