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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

The Earth is our greatest gift. A tree is worth more in the ground then cut down. We must protect our forests and all the creatures that reside in them for the well being of all. We are just beginning to feel the wrath of climate changes effects. We must protect the spaces and places we have left. The bill would undermine protection for 17 species of salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. We don't need more clearcuts. We need more protection for these vulnerable spaces.

This bill does not represent the public lands vision I want my elected leaders to support.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would protect Oregon legacy forests, safeguard fish and wildlife, and protect communities drinking water for our children and future generations.

Please, oppose this bill and ensure it does not pass out of committee. We as humans have the ability to create and protect what is abundant and healing to us. I know we can do better.

Sincerely,
Theresa Bear