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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.

Over the last 35 years, I have appreciated and enjoyed the many forests that the State of Oregon has on public lands. Skipping Stones, a nonprofit organization that I work for promotes global and nature awareness as well as diversity. We want our future generations to have plenty of natural spaces left to enjoy, to experience and to appreciate the beauty of nature.

This timber industry bill undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, more clear cuts and pesticide spraying that harm drinking water, and less carbon storage.

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.

Sincerely,
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