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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.

Our forests are an incredibly important resource as we fight against climate change. They filter the air we breathe and the water we drink. They draw down carbon from the atmosphere and sequester it so it can't contribute to the greenhouse gas effect. If these trees are logged, all that carbon is released into the atmosphere AND we lose the tree's filtration and sequestration abilities, a double loss.

This timber industry bill undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, more clearcuts 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,
Elayna Trucker