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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I oppose House Bill 4105.

House Bill 4105 would weaken protections for Oregon's state forests. This bill would require the Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife, and recreation. And it threatens to halt the implementation of the hard-won state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

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. Expand Oregon's forests, habitat, water, wildlife, beauty, and recreational opportunities.