

Submitter: Margaret Beller Owen

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,

To be very clear, I oppose House Bill 4105.

I have lived in Oregon for over 50 years and the natural beauty of this state surpasses most of the rest of the country. Growing up in the midwest and visiting during summers as a child I will never forget the excitement of seeing and smelling the forest and the graceful beauty of the huge old growth trees and all the wildlife abound. . I was, and still am, in constant awe and believe we should protect and cherish this.

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.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request to please oppose HB 4105. We can do better.