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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 am writing to you urge you to oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. By establishing a mandatory harvest rule, this bill would elevate logging over clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage AND recreation. These are all things that are of great importance to Oregonians and visitors alike. As an Oregonian I prioritize clean air and water over logging, and the state should too. We need to protect Oregon's forests and support nature resource protection over logging.

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.

Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Miranda McNeil