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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4105
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Members of the Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4105.

My family, friends, and community spend time in our forests for restoration and resilience of mind, body, and soul. There is nothing like being out in healthy wilderness to reawaken the senses to the richness and beauty of this world. We like to breathe the fresh air and dip in the streams. We drink from wells or springs that originate from water flowing down the mountains. Some of us might harvest mushrooms, herbs, or meat from the forests. There is nothing man-made that compares to the splendor of nature. Why wouldn't you want to protect and encourage that for all present and future Oregonians? Stand out for your forward thinking, long-term ideas. Let go of the greed and grasping that creates more harm for our forests and undermines the resilience of all Oregonians.

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,
Robin Gossett