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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

To the members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources and Water: Please vote No on HB 4105.

Wildlife and wild places are already under threat from climate change and other  
human-made harms. If not protected, they may be lost forever, a terrible cost to this  
place we all love.

This bad bill, which would increase logging levels and set a dangerous precedent for  
non-stop litigation, was already rejected by the legislature, but now is back again. HB  
4105 would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by putting clearcuts  
above fish, wildlife, clean water, recreation and other values that Oregonians cherish  
in our state forests. This includes jeopardizing the implementation of the Western  
State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and also preventing the Oregon  
Department of Forestry from managing its forest to sequester carbon. This bill would  
also threaten safe drinking water for the half-million residents who rely on state forest  
watersheds.

As a mother, librarian, and proud Oregonian, I ask you to open your eyes widely and  
recognize that our forests – the lungs of our state – are in grave danger on many  
fronts. This is no time to give up the fight to protect what is left of our fragile  
ecosystems.

Thank you.