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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 you to oppose the House Bill 4105 and its amendments. The bill would undermine the HCP that was put into place. I don't know why we would "require" state foresters to establish 10-year logging levels. They already set their own sustainable levels and generally exceed its own projections. This requirement puts pressure to do more and is a grab for the timber industry. It will limit ODF's ability to control and litigate things. We are continuing to deplete our own natural resources. Cutting the foundation under our feet. It's our natural world that supports and sustains us. We need learn to live in a better cycle with it. I am a resident of Oregon, living in Portland. My family and go out constantly through out the state to hike and camp. I am involved with conservation groups like Xerces and the bird alliance. It is so important that we continue to protect our natural lands. They are a limited resource we slowly are depleting through measures like this. We need to help retain safe and clean habitat for our pollinators which give us food. For our birds, salmon and other beautiful wild life we so cherish and continue to keep our ecosystems connected. There are ways to utilize our natural resources for economic benefit, this is not one of those.

You must oppose this bill. We want a focus on sustainable, regenerative measures for our state forests. I want clean air and water for my family and all people families in our state. We must create a better future for our children.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Bear