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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 urge you to oppose HB 4105

We need to maintain and increase our forest habitat, not undermine it. The hard-won Habitat Conservation Plan was created to protect our forests — and us — from outdated clearcut logging, toxic pesticide spraying, and increase habitat for salmon and other wildlife. This short-sighted bill will result in short-term profit for a few timber companies and long-term loss for the rest of us.

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.