

Submitter:

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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 oppose House Bill 4105.

I have been camping, fishing and hunting in Oregon forests since I was a small child. I understand what a treasure those forests are, and how important they are to the health of not just our State, but the world. I have witnessed horrific mass clear cutting, and despite industry promises, the forests never returned, we have monoculture tree farms instead.

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,