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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Testimony in Support of HB 4105

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB 4105.

There has been significant misinformation circulating about this bill, particularly claims that it increases logging or weakens environmental protections. After reviewing the language of the bill, I do not believe those claims are accurate.

HB 4105 does not expand logging mandates, nor does it remove existing environmental safeguards. It maintains current environmental review processes and regulatory oversight. What it does is provide clarity and structure to forest management practices within the framework of existing laws.

Responsible forest management and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive. In fact, sustainable forestry supports long-term ecosystem health, wildfire mitigation, habitat stability, and rural economic resilience. Thoughtful management reduces fuel loads, supports forest regeneration, and helps maintain working lands that prevent conversion to higher-impact development.

It is important that policy decisions be based on the actual language of the bill rather than assumptions or generalized fears. I respectfully urge you to evaluate HB 4105 on its merits and the facts within the legislation.

For these reasons, I support HB 4105 and encourage its passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,