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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 and its amendments. Oregon forests -- in their natural state -- are what define this beautiful state and are iconic for Oregonian identity throughout the world. Why? Because Oregon forests support rich habitats not only for endangered species, but for complex ecological communities. Once compromised or altered, ecological systems that are already in a fragile status because of encroachment and development as well as global climate shifts cannot be restored. Furthermore, our forests produce clean air and carbon capture. The tourist economy that patently depends on Oregon's paradise forests would wither away. Who wants to fly-fish surrounded by clear-cut slopes and noisy lumber trucks?

If the committee members are parents and grandparents, then I urge you to consider whether Oregonians want to preserve "Oregon" for future generations, or whether Oregon is simply invested in short term gains regardless of whether these sacrifice the future generations' ability to experience first hand "Oregon."

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

Sincerely,

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