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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Dear House Committee on ALUNRW,

I am opposed to HB 4105. This bill would weaken protections for Oregon's state forests. It would require the Department of Forestry to pass a timber harvest rule that would prioritize clearcut timber harvest at the expense of all other values—values like clean water, fish and wildlife, recreation, and carbon absorption and storage. HB 4105 would also create a special right for recipients of timber revenue to sue the Department of Forestry to force more logging on state forests. And it threatens to undermine the implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan for state forests that we have fought so hard for.

Thank you for considering these issues.

Sincerely,

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