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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.

My personal experiences hiking and learning in the state forests of Oregon have taught me about the native plants of the region, the interconnectedness of species, and have helped to reset my nervous system. I seek these experiences regularly and wish to keep doing so. The impact of these protected forests go beyond my personal experiences, but will work towards maintaining biodiversity, creating healthy habitats for wildlife to thrive, and fighting against climate change.

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,  
Meagan Provinsal