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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.

Natural areas like state forests are already decreasing in size and health in Oregon and globally due to human actions like the climate crisis, meanwhile they are essential to human health and the future of our planet.

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, less carbon storage, and less resilience and opportunity in the face of an overheating planet.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage and resilient, healthy ecosystems in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.