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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 House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

My name is Ann Richer and I am concerned for our environment and especially the trees.

I am writing to you in opposition of HB 4105 on forest management. While I recognize that sustainable forest management is a critical part of Oregon's economy, it concerns me that HB 4105 does not include any climate considerations for true resilience.

Oregon's forests store carbon, the main greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. Among increasing risks from wildfires, drought, and extreme heat, our forestry practices must consider climate change when setting harvest levels. I'm worried that setting harvest levels, without setting any other enforceable standards, will cause harm to our forests and ecosystems.

I am an avid hiker and lover of nature. I also realize the importance of sustaining a healthy ecosystem. It impacts everyone.

I believe we can manage our forests without causing drastic environmental damage. I believe we can support rural economies and the timber industry without harmful, extractive practices. Without more consideration for Oregon's climate goals and long-term health of people and the environment, I cannot support HB 4105.

I urge you to prioritize Oregon's natural resources and environmental integrity by opposing HB 4105. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ann Richer