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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I am a Family Physician born and raised in Oregon. In the interest of the health of all Oregonians, I adamantly oppose House Bill 4105 and urge you to vote against it. The role of our Department of Forestry is to be stewards of our state's unique forest resources for the benefit of all Oregonians now and future. Short-sided prioritization of timber harvesting at the expense of the surrounding ecosystems will damage our forest resource, hurting Oregonians. I believe this bill is an attempt to rob Peter to pay Paul. If the issue is decreased timber revenue and decreasing economic viability of the logging industry and our small logging communities, a long standing trend due to many factors, damaging our natural resources for short term timber harvesting is a foolish solution. Please vote no on House Bill 4105. Thank you for hearing my testimony.