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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4090

I am a long-time Portland resident who spends lots of time in the woods, enjoying our State and National forests. Our forests also give me pleasure when I look at them while a passenger in the car.

I have a degree in biology and am an environmental educator. That is why I often feel a pit in my stomach when I pass by clearcuts filled with only stumps: knowing that the all plants and animals living there were affected, most simply destroyed; knowing that the clearcut will affect the health of the surrounding streams and potentially the recovery of salmon populations; wondering how we are going to successfully combat climate change if we are continually eliminating the effective tool of having healthy forest ecosystems that can absorb and store carbon.

I oppose HB 4106. This bill is so wrong for so many reasons. It benefits only logging companies, and harms all other Oregonians who use the forests, or value what forests provide.

Oregonians have already spoken out to say they want state forests to be managed for multiple values to benefit all Oregonians. HB 4106 would change that.

HB 4106 would derail the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan which provides balanced protection for 17 species of salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Oregonians want these species protected.

HB 4106 would prevent the Oregon Department of Forestry from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. Oregonians want the state to address climate change.

Do NOT pass HB 4106.