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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I urge you to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels.

Oregonians expect their leaders to stand up for our environment, not cave to the demands of timber executives seeking bigger profits.

The State Forest HCP was developed with years of public input, and the courts have upheld Oregon's right to manage these forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon).

Trees provide air we need and provide important habitat for wildlife. Logging creates erosion which damages our waterways and impacts fish. We need our forests and need to continue long-term investments of our natural resources.

Oregon's state forests are meant to serve all of us. Now is the time to make it clear that these lands must be managed for clean water, wildlife, recreation, and future generations—not just logging.

Please reject HB 3103.