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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** Old Growth Forest Protection Act H 7293

Greetings--

I am writing to express my strong support for this bill.

While I am writing as a donor and a voter, I am also writing as a brain scientist who studies optimal environments for psychiatric health and creativity.

There is extensive data showing that public health outcomes for brain health are all improved by time in natural environments and particularly forests (happy to share this if you'd like).

Further, Providence bills itself as the 'Creative Capital' and RI general positions itself as a highly creative, independent state--this is a major source of our revenues. The data showing that creativity is enhanced by time in forests is stunning, literally a prescription for how to 'fire up the engines' of innovation.

We cannot, obviously, take advantage of this amazing amplifier of our identity and commerce without the forests themselves.

Thanks,

Cheers,

Chris

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