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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: Oppose the ill-advised bills H 7618, H 7728 and H 7729

Dear House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

We write to oppose the ill-advised bills H 7618, H 7728 and H 7729, which are trojan horse bills meant to encourage and expand logging in Rhode Island, and which will degrade Rhode Island forests at the exact moment we need to do the opposite. Now is the time to protect Rhode Island forests to defend the natural environment and the public interest.

For a taste of what precious Rhode Island forests are in for if the timber, biomass, hunting and some “wrong kind of green” groups get their way, please see:

www.maforests.org

When these same groups tell you logging “helps” nature, please see this link for more information about the self-serving propaganda used to sell the public, politicians, and public agencies on the logging.

<https://www.maforests.org/Timberspeak.pdf>

We greatly suggest you stop these disastrous bills promoting logging before they leave the station lest Rhode Island suffer the same tragic fate of Massachusetts forests.

Sincerely,

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