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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
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Dear Committee members,

I am strongly opposed to H 5607 and its attempts to compare forestry -- which is logging -- to agriculture.

Natural Forests are not a crop. They are shaped by nature and are able to survive without humans managing them through logging.

Natural Forests are not tree farms where trees are grown from seeds or saplings.

Please do not pass H 5607, which tries to define logging of Natural Forests as farming in our state law. This definition is incorrect and would also set a dangerous precedent.

Thank you,

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