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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Cc:** Sen. Gu, Victoria; Rep. Kennedy, Brian Patrick  
**Subject:** bill opposition H5607

Dear Committee members,

I am opposed to H 5607 which 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 it through logging.

Natural Forests are not tree farms where trees are grown from seed or sapling. We should be concerned with the utmost conservation of our forested lands, not their continued exploitation.

Please do not pass H 5607 which tries to define logging of Natural Forests as farming in state law which is both incorrect and sets a dangerous precedent.

Thank you,

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