

Dear Committee,

I am writing to oppose H5607.

Our natural forests are not homogenous crops to be harvested, but purveyors of biodiversity fostered by their complex ecosystems.

The mistreatment of these forests through logging and management is a mistake with dire ramifications for both flora and fauna.

At a time when the earth's resources are under assault, we must stand up for the forests and the biodiversity they promote.

These forests are not farms, commodities to be exploited.

STOP H5607. It is a giveaway to private entities at the expense of Rhode Islanders. Conserve and protect our forests instead, thereby passing on to our next generation a world with diverse native trees and their accompanying canopy which support an abundance of diverse creatures.

Sincerely,

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