Over the last 10 years, we have seen the devastating results caused by neglect of sustainable forest management practices. Heartbreaking and inhumane destruction of wildlife from wildfires and resultant loss of habitat fly in the face of claims by so-called "environmental" groups who claim to have the best interest of our ecosystem.

Thousands of acres of forest that might have provided habitat and natural resources have been needlessly wasted through lack of pest management, lack of removal of dead combustible materials, and lack of thinning to allow trees enough nutrients for healthy growth. Tests have proven that young, actively growing trees are more productive in CO2 conversion to oxygen, meaning young trees are more beneficial to the environment and to the planet as a whole than old growth.

This is not just about the economic benefits of utilizing our natural resources, saving people's homes and reducing the load on the insurance industry. The overall health of our planet requires responsible and sustainable forestry management, which requires insect control, thinning, removal of mature trees and replanting young trees to continue to provide shelter and safe habitat for forest flora and fauna.