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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

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I oppose this bill because it prioritizes logging (i.e. clear-cutting) over the other important contributions that forests make to our well being as people living within the interconnected web of living that has become so evident in the past decade. Those contributions include supporting healthy wildlife, helping to sustain our water supplies, and carbon sequestration.

I acknowledge the legitimate necessity to harvest timber. However, such harvests must be done in support of those other resources that forest offer, not in spite nor disregard of them. Timber harvest has taken the priority position in these considerations for far too long. The very evident threats and damage to wildlife habitat, sufficient potable water, and climate stability demand that resources other than timber be primary considerations in all forest use planning. This demand is clearly not answered--if even considered--in this bill. Please do not approve it.

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