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Dear Committee:

I am writing to support the concept of protecting old growth forests as called for in bill H7293. I think there is clearly a need to do so in light of the biodiversity crisis, the need for beautiful places to enjoy, at risk from the development pressures we face, policies that tend to promote sprawl, and the incentives towns have to seek tax revenue.

I never studied forestry but I value nature and I know rare old growth forest is special., I do frequently hike in parks, preserves, and protected land, and see the encroaching development.

I know there can be concerns with some of the details in the bill. But because of the importance of the goal of this bill, I urge the Committee to make a real effort to try to accommodate stakeholders and work out the provisions in possible amendments.

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