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From: Katie Hopcraft Carter <carterk1838@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 8:34 PM
To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: Re: House Bill No. 5294 BY Shanley, Bennett, Phillips ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT {LC1096/1}
(Creates the Old Growth Forest Protection Act to provide protection for state-owned forestland in...

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> To whom it may concern,
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> I am in complete favor of the above-referenced House Bill.
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> As a Rhode Island resident and self-proclaimed 'tree hugger', I urge a vote on this bill to protect our old growth forests. As a resident of Warwick, I have learned that there is no protection of 'champion' trees in that city, unlike Providence, which has protection for trees in that category.
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> Having lived in both environmentally protected, and unprotected, states, I have seen what cutting down forests has done. Houses, more houses, wildlife displacement, fires, and floods.
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> Rhode Island is a small and special place. Our beautiful forests, parks and green-lands need our protection. What possible reason could there be for not supporting this measure?
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> I sincerely hope you will pass this invaluable bill which is good for our state and her residents
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> Thank you
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