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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: Old Growth Forest Protection Act H 5294

Distinguished Committee Members,

Please support Bill H 5294 Old Growth Forest Protection Act.

If passed, this bill would create the first state law to protect Forests and Biodiversity in Rhode Island's history. Currently, there are no state laws that protect either Forests or Biodiversity in Rhode Island which has led to Rhode Island being the only state in New England where no forests on state land are protected from logging. This is unacceptable and something we should all be deeply concerned about. The negative ripple effects on the environment and living organisms dependent on this environment is staggering.

Time is literally running out. If we don't protect these forests now, there will be nothing left to protect.

Please vote to approve this act and preserve old growth forests and the biodiversity they support for generations to come. Protecting old growth forests will never be something that you will regret doing, but if you don't vote to protect them, they most certainly will disappear.

While you may not receive testimony from those citizens of Rhode Island who are unaware these protections don't already exist, I know given the knowledge, these citizens would be certainly be requesting your support.

Thank you for considering salvaging what is left of old growth forest in our state.

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