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Subject: support for H7914 from Barry Schiller

Dear House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

This is Barry Schiller writing to support H7914, a bill intended to protect some natural forests on state land. As the findings indicate, reserving some old growth forest in Rhode Island is desirable for reasons of protecting biodiversity which is now under much stress, for a form of recreation, and its value as a carbon sink. The findings also indicate that such forests currently have no protection from intensive logging and disruptions from heavy logging vehicles. We need to take steps now to begin the process of protecting them as sprawl development is continuing to take a toll on natural areas in our state.

I have lived in places (CA, OR, CO) where there were some old growth forest preserves, and believe me, they are special inspiring places. Some should be available to Rhode Islanders here too while there are still some of such places left. Thus I ask for your support for H7914.

Thank you for considering my views on this

Barry Schiller, North Providence