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To the RI House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to urge you to strongly support the Rhode Island Natural Forest Protection Act H 7914.

As you know, the Natural Forest Protection Act would create the first state law to protect public forests and biodiversity in Rhode Island's history:

This would include:

- Creating 46 natural area preserves in Rhode Island to protect rare state-owned forests including Old Growth Forests and Natural Heritage Areas where rare and endangered species live.
- Prohibiting clearcut logging on all state-owned land.
- Requiring environmental review by scientists before public state logging operations.
- Bringing back the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program to once again protect rare and endangered species.

We are a small state with a limited number of natural resources. It is important to preserve our State's resources and protect our endangered species.

Our RI natural heritage and our biodiversity is an important priority. Please make the passage of this Act your priority.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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