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In Favor of H-7914

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House Environment and
Natural Resources Committee
RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of our members, supporters, and board members, I'm respectfully requesting that you vote in favor of House Bill H-7914 introduced by Representatives Shanley and Shekarchi.

Habitat loss and species decline is the result of not protecting intact forests and ecosystems. This legislation addresses those concerns.

This legislation would protect natural forests by banning extractive and even age logging on state lands and preserves.

In addition, there are environmental considerations: the Natural Resources Defense Council found that clear cutting is responsible for 28.7 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

Unfortunately, the RIDEM has continuously focused its energies on aggressively promoting hunting opportunities rather than placing the importance on protecting wildlife and ecosystems.

Please make your decision based on the issues of habitat loss and species decline and vote for approval of House Bill H-7914.

Very truly yours,
Dennis Tabella
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Director