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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Subject: H 7914 -- The Natural Forest Protection Act -- SUPPORT -- Hearing Date 3-31-2026

Dear Chairman Bennett and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes in support of this legislation because we want to see that the old growth forests are protected for Rhode Island's posterity and for the wildlife. It is within your authority to prevent the felling of the old trees because without action from you they will be lost.

This legislation has deep meaning for us because over time VSA has become a conservationist as well as a humane organization. We have come to realize that the environment and the wildlife are inexorably connected and that both seriously need the protection of humans. We ask you to look past those who want clearcut logging in our public state lands and instead let the old forests be.

We wish to thank the sponsors of H7914, State Representatives Evin Shanley and Joseph Shekarchi, who we have copied in this testimony to you.

Thank you for permitting VSA to submit this testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours,
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Chair of the Board of Directors

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