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Good afternoon,

As a scientist who studies the impact of our natural surroundings on our health and as a mother of two young children who love to hike and explore Rhode Island wilderness, I strongly urge this committee to support the Natural Forest Protection Act. As a small densely populated state, it is vital that Rhode Island makes a commitment to preserving these fragile ecosystems for future generations.

Rhode Island is currently out of step with its New England neighbors in not codifying the protection and support for these forests. These trees and ecosystems will not return to their original state after logging for many decades or perhaps never will- let us not trade a short-term financial benefit for the long-term health of our forests.

Thank you,

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