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To The Members of The House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I would like to submit to you my support for H7914, as our Forests in State lands have no current protection, as in other states. We are small, but what we have is all the more in need of protection and preservation.

This bill ,if passed, will create 46 Natural Area Preserves on State owned land. Rare and endangered species will continue as they are, undisturbed and protected from our encroaching presence , allowed to supply our waters and air with life giving nutrients and purity that only nature can provide.

Clear cutting, that only leads to the ruin of our forests, will be prohibited on State land. Water retention in the soil and air in Old Growth and Mature forests will lessen chances of wildfires. Invasive understory, which leads to species fall in number, and therefore their cooperative effect in the propagation of healthy soil and plants , is not found within the dense mature forest. Preserving the natural state is a requisite to our own needs for clean air and cooler layers in the atmosphere.

When there is a need of logging an area, there will be environmental review, by qualified scientists who will ensure proper care is taken to keep these sensitive and precious areas as they are.

Please help RI to not be the only state in New England without these protections.  
Please, for generations to come, pass The Natural Forest Protection Act.

Yours truly,  
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