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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2026 3:41 PM  
**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** Support for the Natural Forest Protection Act (H 7914)

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