

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to H 8152, the Forest Parity Act.

Expanding logging in the state with the second highest population density increases pollution and heat. It destroys biodiversity and bird habitat, and creates tick habitat.

The bill increases logging in open space across all districts in Rhode Island.

It also makes it more profitable to clearcut forests on public and private land, including for solar farms.

Logging destroys cool, damp forests and replaces it with dry forests filled with invasive underbrush that creates a more fire-prone landscape.

Please do not pass this bill.

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