

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to H 8152, the Forest Parity Act, which would expand the Timber industry in the state by making it more profitable to clearcut forests on both public and private land, including for solar.

This bill removes the use and sales tax on forest product equipment including chainsaws, logging trucks, sawmills, etc. Why would we incentivize destruction of biodiversity, the spread of invasive species and the spread of tick and tick borne diseases.

Beyond this, logging destroys cool, damp forests and replaces it with dry forests that are more flammable.

Please nix this un-environmental bill.

Sincerely,

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