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Dear Chairman DiPalma and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island Senate Finance Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) is opposed to adding employees to RIDEM for continuation of clear cutting and logging programs on our State's public lands.

The broadness of S2546 will give RIDEM authority to manage our lands even while there is a Rhode Island organization working mightily to protect the old trees in our forests.

Wouldn't it be good to hear what this organization has to say and to learn what they have been discovering?

In your deliberations, please ask what these ten new employees will be doing if not for clear-cutting and logging.

We write to protect the old trees and the wildlife that inhabits these public lands of ours.

Thank you for permitting VSA to submit this testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne Rongo  
Chair of the Board of Directors

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