

June 2, 2026

Dear Chairperson DiPalma and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Sheila O'Connell and I am a Rhode Island voter. I am writing to express my opposition to S3182, the Forest Parity Act.

I do not want to give tax subsidies to the timber industry. In addition, I do not want Rhode Island to create a situation in which timber companies are given incentives for clearcutting forests on public lands. Without substantial oversight, which oftentimes does not exist, this could easily happen, leading to forests being irreparably damaged.

I urge the Finance Committee to oppose and stop S3182.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Oconnell  
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