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To all parties involved in the Tongass National Forest Roadless Rule Exemption,

I can guarantee that if your future grandchild or great-grandchild was asked if they would rather keep an old growth forest or buy a wooden IKEA desk made in China from old-growth Tongass, they would opt for the former.

32,500 letters have already been written expressing the public's overwhelming disapproval about this. I wrote one of those letters, and honestly do not understand why I must write it again.

I am 25 years old. I didn't have the luxury of seeing old growth forests, in-tact prairies, or healthy streams as a child because all the ones around me were gone. I do not know what was there before the asphalt in my suburb. Whatever it was, it is gone forever.

My generation is already inheriting environmental problems from extraction industries of decades past. Land subsidence from groundwater depletion. Ruined creeks, rivers and watersheds from erosion caused by tree removal. Animals and plants I've never gotten to see because their habitat was bulldozed. Water pollution, soil degradation, the list goes on.

Please stop and think about how this will affect others, not just the timber companies and boom-bust logging jobs.

The public does not want this. Timber companies want this. Please do not offer our national treasures up for sale. Please do the right thing, act progressively and spend your time approving lasting solutions instead of fast cash, leaving the next generation's taxpayers to clean up the mess once again.

Thank you for your automatic response. I can only hope that this letter is not discarded and disregarded along with the 32,500 others from 2018.

Sincerely,

Your neighbor and fellow American.

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