Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/28/2022 2:07:35 PM First name: Hallie Last name: Metzger Organization: Rebekah's Hill Flora & Fauna Preservation Society, LLC Title: Land Manager

Comments: The preservation of mature and old growth forests sounds like a noble goal. But it is being used in Connecticut as a way to drive down the forest products industry. That, in turn, privileges products made from fossil fuels. We stand on the cusp of radical new technologies for using wood - - not just for traditional products such as furniture, fuel, and building materials but even for windows and clothing. So a shift away from would be absurd if it weren't so damaging to the very natural environments it claims to champion.