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Dear Secretary Vilsack and Haaland,

Thank you for taking the next steps in advancing President's Biden's Executive Order on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities and Local Economies. Protecting Old Growth/Mature Forests on Federal lands is win-win for the economy, the environment, and the community. Old Growth Forests emit lifesaving oxygen while sequestering carbon emissions. In addition they offer recreational and educational opportunities to the surrounding communities.

If Old Growth Forests are to survive, mature trees must be defined as those 80 years old or older. They must be protected from logging companies. Research has shown that we lose more trees due to logging for timber than to fire, insect, and wind combined. That must stop.

As a concerned citizen and advocate for the future of our children and our country, I urge you to do all you can to save our Old Growth Forests. Combine the efforts of your two agencies to rule that "old growth" begins at 80 years for trees. Our mature forests must be saved.

Thank you,

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