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This opportunity to write new legislation that will protect our natural, biodiverse forests is extremely important. The impact of climate change has become evident all around the globe.

We must protect and preserve all Mature and Old Growth forests that remain today and cease harvesting the trees that are the lungs of the earth. Trees 75 years and older must be left standing. The value of carbon sequestration and the biodiversity of forested regions are essential to a future livable environment.

Please do all you can to STOP any future cutting of Mature and Old Growth trees.