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Comments: As the state coordinator for the Citizens' Climate Lobby in Kentucky you can imagine how committed I am to solve the climate crisis. Trees and especially on growth forests can store an immense amount of carbon and help lower the temperature and help mitigate climate change. I believe we need to stop looking at our natural resources as a source of profit. There are many benefits that cannot be quantified in dollars but are far greater than the economic benefit we could obtain from cutting trees. We could finally end the harmful practice of logging our old-growth forests for profit and chart out a new course to allow mature trees to keep growing and become the next generation of old-growth. I hope that in the end we decide to do the right thing in this case. Lets protect our old growth forests.