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Comments: I am writing as a constituent from Dallas (ZIP 75218) to express my strong opposition to the administration's reckless expansion of logging in our national forests. While framed as wildfire prevention and economic security, this policy is both environmentally and economically short-sighted-and, frankly, a manufactured crisis.

Instead of promoting sustainable forestry, this administration has chosen to villainize our Canadian trade partners, restrict timber imports, and then justify mass deforestation as the solution to the very problem it created. Experts warn that clearcutting destroys the protective trees and microclimates that reduce wildfire risk, making fires more frequent and severe.

We are not solving problems-we are creating them. Degrading our forests will not make us more self-reliant; it will make us more vulnerable to climate disasters, habitat loss, and long-term economic instability in the timber industry. Real solutions would include responsible trade policies, sustainable forestry, and fire-resistant infrastructure, not politically motivated deforestation.

I urge you to oppose these destructive logging initiatives and advocate for policies that align with both economic wisdom and environmental responsibility.