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Senator Jim Dill, Representative Maggie O'Neil and members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee.

My name is Gregory Foster. I am a professional consulting forester in southern Maine and oppose LD 125. My first response is exactly what is meant by "after any timber harvest" one week after harvest?, one year?, Indefinitely? Beyond that, the areal use of glyphosate and other synthetic herbicides is a very useful tool for foresters in proper forest management. Many of my clients own forest properties that have extensive invasive plants which greatly interfere with the ability of the forest to regenerate. The existance of Multi Flora Rose and Bitterweet vines have at times made it extremely difficult for me to examine a woodlot or mark it for a timber sale. Controlling these invasive plants earlier in their life and sooner after a timber sale is far more desirable and sensible. With the latest technology of drones, this areal application method may be desirable and affordable by my clients. Please do not take this effective tool away from forest landowners.