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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in SUPPORT of LD 1407 - An Act To Provide That a Forestry Operation That Conforms to Accepted Practices May Not Be Declared a Nuisance.

I am for environmental protection up to and including supporting bans on harmful chemicals and unsustainable land use practices. I have read the entirety of Title 12 Chapter 805 (Cooperative Forestry Management) and find the standards prescribed therein as adequate, sustainable and burdensome enough to land owners. I strongly support legislation that protects the rights of landowners to lawfully harvest and utilize their rightfully obtained resources. Moreover, municipalities have no expertise and inadequate resources to determine what forestry practices are acceptable. This is why you, the Maine Legislature, have appointed a Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to protect the public's interest. Accordingly, the NIMBY activist crowds in these towns have no place limiting Maine landowner rights granted by the State simply because they don't like those rights conferred.

Please move LD 1407 to the floor for vote.

Cordially,
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