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Dear DOER:

I live in Wendell MA, contiguous to the Wendell State Forest. The DCR has been permitting commercial logging in our state forest, without consulting the people of Wendell. We wish to protect the public forests for public uses, not for commercial logging. We want our oldest forest to continue growing towards Old Growth Status, not only for its natural beauty and protection of wildlife, but also to continue SEQUESTERING GREENHOUSE GASES. The larger, older trees absorb the most carbon.

We must therefore STOP BURNING WOODY BIOMASS, much of which wood would come out of our state forests. We must not include woody biomass as part of the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Tree planting credits are a smokescreen. The notion that a seedling can counteract the impact of logging a 50 or 100-year-old tree, or that a monolithic tree farm compares to a biodiverse forest, is ludicrous.

WE HAVE LESS THAN TWELVE YEARS TO REVERSE THE SPIRALLING OUT OF CONTROL OF CARBON EMISSIONS! We have no more chances, and no other planet.

Climate chaos has begun, and every one of us must do whatever is in our power to stop this trajectory, to save lives and all life on this planet.

DO YOU CARE ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN to remove woody biomass from the Renewable Portfolio Standard? It is your job to abide by the Climate Solutions Act which biomass wood burning violates.

Trees are NOT A RENEWABLE RESOURCE, at least in the 12 years we have left to stop cutting and burning them. WE ARE UNDERGOING A PLANETARY EMERGENCY and you must do your part to reverse the climate chaos that has begun.

Sincerely,


Gloria Kegeles