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Please do not permit any cutting of forests to produce biomass or to make way for solar energy production! Our forests are extremely important not only for sequestering carbon in this time of global warming, but also for lumber and for conserving our water resources, and to prevent erosion of soils that cannot be replaced. **Every society throughout history** that cut down and used up its forest resources has destroyed its land and its economic and political power. No exceptions! So let's not make this same mistake!

As for solar power, there are plenty of already open spaces that can be used for solar power, such as highway margins, telephone poles, residential and commercial buildings' roofs. Yes let's make full use of such places as these to maximize solar power production. But forests are much too valuable; they must be preserved intact, because they preserve our society--our United States--intact, providing our drinking water, lumber, and other critical resources.

Thank you very much,
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