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Secretary Rebecca Tepper Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 100 Cambridge Street Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Tepper,

At our monthly meeting this morning, it came to the Council's attention that the forestry moratorium put into place while the Forests as Climate Solutions Initiative was being undertaken is still currently in place across the Commonwealth. The DCR Stewardship Council is asking that you work to lift this moratorium as soon as possible.

We appreciate the work and time that went into Forests as Climate Solutions and the need to reexamine forestry practices in Massachusetts. Now that the report has been released, we feel it is imperative that forestry be allowed again based on the findings of the initiative.

Thank you for your consideration, and for all the work you have done in support of public land in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Jack Buckley

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