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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act prohibiting clear cutting in state forests and parks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2006) of Peter V. Kocot, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Ellen Story for legislation to further regulate the clear cutting of certain forested lands. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *765* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act prohibiting clear cutting in state forests and parks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Chapter 21a of the general Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-"…provided, that the secretary shall prohibit the clear cutting of any forested lands under his care and custody, unless necessary to eradicate harmful and invasive insect species. For the purposes of this section, clear cutting shall be defined as the harvesting of more than seventy-five percent of trees within an area and/or contiguous parcels greater than one acre."

SECTION 2. Section 40 of Chapter 132 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-"…therefore, it is the policy of the Commonwealth to prohibit clear cutting on all state owned lands and lands under the authority of all public and quasi-public authorities, including, but not limited to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and all municipal watershed properties with conservation protection easements purchased by the commonwealth."