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Senator Robert Hartwell, Chair
Senate Natural Resources Et Energy Committee

Attn: Katie Pickens

Per our conversation earlier I would like to convey the Vermont Farm Bureau's interest in responding to S. 100, An Act Relating to Forest Integrity. We would like the opportunity to offer brief commentary and written testimony on the bill's potential consequences for forest owners and forest-based businesses. However, as I indicated, I will not be available Thursday when you are next addressing the bill. Please let me know when I may next attend your group on this bill. Perhaps early next week?

I believe we are just now beginning to hear from some of the affected landowners as awareness of the bill increases. Consequently, I believe the bill should be a continued focus of the committee. As many holdings of this size are also part of diversified farm/forest operators around the state, I would also suggest that the bill be attended to by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Their perspective will be especially helpful to understanding the needs of those farm based forest operators with multiple forest uses.

Thank you for your attention in this request. Please feel free to contact me at this email or by phone at (802) 888-9390

Sincerely,

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