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TO: House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy  
FROM: Putnam Blodgett, Bradford forest landowner and Tree Farmer  
RE: H.584 Miscellaneous Timber Harvesting and State lands issues

Page 8, line 9 HARVEST NOTIFICATION—there is great concern that this never evolves into a permitting system (unnecessary government regulation)

Page 8, lines 11, 12, & 13—does FPR have the staff to turn paper applications around in a week? Everyone doesn't operate with a computer.

Page 9, lines 14 & 15, #8—would require a consulting forester to make a cruise and a tally. This would be a considerable expense to the landowner and what does it accomplish when the mill scale will give an accurate accounting?

Page 10, lines 13 & 14—pretty severe for merely violating a notification form

Page 11, lines 10 & 11—volume cannot be measured until delivered to the mill

Page 11 to top of 12, lines 20, 21 & 1—cannot “require a trip ticket prior to first measurement” that requires a volume measurement on the trip ticket

Page 23, lines 10 & 11—eliminate “or has a noxious and significant interference with the use and enjoyment of the neighboring properties.” This is an opening for nuisance lawsuits regarding views or noise from operations from those opposed to timber harvesting.

At present we are told that timber growth exceeds timber harvesting but without a lot of data. Harvest notification would provide the information of where timber is harvested and in what quantities.

Trip tickets would mend a huge gap in the timber harvesting chain. Unless a landowner is present on the landing every day, the owner has no idea of how many loads leave the property.