

# Northern Woodlands

Amy Sheldon  
Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife  
Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Representative Sheldon,

I'm writing in regard to H. 581 and H. 582, recently the subject of hearings by your committee. I understand that Walter Medwid participated in discussions of these bills, and was introduced as the former executive director of the Center for Northern Woodlands Education.

I have great respect for Mr. Medwid am sure that he and others presented a range of thoughtful perspectives. However, I think it's important to clarify that he was not speaking on behalf of the Center for Northern Woodlands Education. Our environmental nonprofit has not taken a position on these bills, and in general, avoids taking sides in legislative discussions. To do so would undermine our role as a shared resource and space for continuing dialogue among diverse forest stakeholders.

Thank you for your service, and your concern for Vermont's natural resources.

Sincerely,



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The Center for Northern Woodlands Education

cc: Marc Grimes