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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Patrick Bartlett and I have supervised over 100 timber stand - wildlife habitat improvement projects in Windsor County since the early 90's that shipped chips to Ryegate power station.

The end result is thousands of acres of high quality timber and increased wildlife numbers.

The weeviled white pine tree is abundant in Windsor County and can only be sold to chip plants. Once these deformed trees are removed from the forest the more valuable sugar maples can grow and do.

It would be a huge mistake not to renew this contract and if it did close it would hinder many landowners in the current use program from being able to harvest the deformed white pines or other low valued trees growing on their property.

I currently work for over 600 Use Value clients and manage around 70,000 acres in Windsor County.

Sincerely,

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