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To Vt. House Natural Resources Committee,
Please enter this letter into the record.

As a wild landowner I am very much opposed to the purple paint requirement to post property. In fact, I am very happy with the law as it is.

Purple paint has some very negative aspects.

It would be a permanent means of marking.

It would be very expensive to remove the paint.

Removing paint will damage the tree's bark, making it vulnerable to insects that harm its health.

If I should choose to sell my 200 plus acres of forest the prospective buyer of the property might choose not to purchase the land because of the purple paint. The lost sale creating a greater burden and likely reducing the value of the land.

Lastly, I firmly believe that unposted land is a benefit to all of society to enjoy and recreate on. Sharing the wonders of nature gives my family a real feeling of pride and accomplishment.

There is snowmobile trail, a stream with native brook trout a beaver pond where migratory birds nest, and all manner of wildlife that inhabit our fields and forested areas.

We have not encountered any issues with individuals who have used our property. Just thank you's.

Respectfully,

