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To: Anne Watson, Chair, Senate Committee of Natural Resources and Environment

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Re: Support of H.932 Including LURB's April 10 Language

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The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) supports H.932—An act relating to the regulation of forestry under Act 250 and appreciates the Legislature's continued attention to improving how Act 250 interacts with forestry and the forest products sector. **We support advancing the bill with the Land Use Review Board's (LURB) proposed updates shared with the Committee on April 10.**

H.932 is a direct outcome of the [Wood Products Manufacturing report](#) developed by LURB, with input and engagement from FPR (as well as industry organizations). In addition to the statutory updates included in this bill, several complementary efforts are already moving forward, including enhanced training for Act 250 staff, development of guidance documents, increased technical support from the Agency of Natural Resources, and updates to relevant rules. Together, these efforts reflect a coordinated approach to improving clarity and consistency in how Act 250 applies to lands devoted to forestry and help ensure that permit conditions are not applied beyond areas supporting development and are on par with permit conditions for the agriculture sector.

Clear and predictable regulatory frameworks support landowners, foresters, and wood products manufacturers—many of whom are small, rural businesses that play a critical role in maintaining Vermont's forested landscape. Active management and viable markets enable these businesses to contribute to long-term forest health, conservation outcomes, and rural economies.