Congress of the United States

Washington, AC 20515

HELP SAVE AMERICA'S FORESTS

Cosponsor the Act to Save America's Forests

Dear Colleague,

We're writing to urge you to join us as an original cosponsor of the Act to Save America's Forests, which we will be introducing shortly.

Aggressive logging practices on federal land have eliminated much of our nation's remaining forests and native forest biological diversity. This legislation will protect and enhance the natural forest ecology of our national forests.

The Act to Save America's Forests bans clearcutting in all federal forests. It also ends logging in the last virgin forests, roadless areas, and other core regions of the federal forest system. The bill also allows limited and ecologically sustainable logging outside of core forest areas – lands that have already been logged. The bill also transfers jurisdiction of the Giant Sequoia National Monument from the U.S. Forest Service to the U.S. Park Service, which is the more appropriate agency to manage and protect this important ecological asset.

The legislation includes provisions for environmental surveys by the Department of Interior, to identify ecosystems not currently included in our national park system. These studies will help identify national needs to ensure that we preserve as much natural diversity as possible.

The Act to Save America's Forests is a sensible bill that ensures that future generations of Americans will inherit and enjoy our nation's irreplaceable natural forest treasures.

This bill has enjoyed strong support in the past, with 84 co-sponsors in the 109th Congress. This is an important bill for the conservation of our nation's forests.

If you have questions or if you would like to be an original cosponsor, please contact Kevin Whittlesey with Representative Eshoo (<u>kevin.whittlesey@mail.house.gov</u>; x5-8104).

Sincerely,

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Co-sponsors in the 109th: Ackerman, Andrews, Baldwin, Berkley, Bishop, Corrine Brown, Sherrod Brown, Capps, Capuano, Carson, Christensen, Clay, Clyburn, Conyers, Crowley, Cummings, Danny Davis, Susan Davis, DeLauro, Emanuel, Engel, Evans, Farr, Filner, Frank, Alcee Hastings, Hinchey, Holt, Honda, Israel, Jackson-Lee, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Kennedy, Kucinich, Langevin, Lantos, Larson, Barbara Lee, Lewis, Lipinski, Lofgren, Lynch, Maloney, Markey, McCarthy, McCollum, McDermott, McGovern, McNulty, Meehan, Meeks, Brad Miller, George Miller, Moore, Moran, Nadler, Napolitano, Norton, Olver, Owens, Pallone, Payne, Rangel, Rothman, Rush, Schakowsky, Schiff, Schwartz, Serrano, Shays, Slaughter, Solis, Stark, Tauscher, Tierney, Towns, Van Hollen, Waxman, Weiner, Wexler, Woolsey, Wynn