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On Behalf

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Additional riparian buffers were not necessary in the first place, but since the Private Forest Accord (PFA) was passed behind closed doors without input from over 60,000 timberland owners, this PFA fix for small timberland owners is the absolute bare minimum that should be done. Small timberland owners nurture and take care of their land for future generations. They are being badly impacted by the PFA.

This bill is also extremely important as the beaver language in the PFA could severely impact beaver management for agricultural landowners, not only on private forestlands.

There is nothing about the PFA this is quite right. No other state in the U.S. has an HCP on ALL private timberland!!

Sincerely,
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