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We have a capable Board of Forestry composed of members who represent, timber, wildlife, and conservation interests. It is the responsibility of this diverse board to select a state forester, not the governor. I am a tree farmer who actively manages our family owned property for both wildlife and timber. We were the state tree farmers of the year in 2023. Politicizing the state Forester's position would be a grave error.