

Sayers, Margery

From: Kimberlee Drake <kimdrakeenv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 2:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB62 Forest Con.

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Dear councilmembers,

I again want to share my support for CB62 and the strengthening amendments: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 12.
I do Not support amendments 2, 6, & 10.

Please do not table this bill...if you do developers may jump at the chance to get their projects in asap so they don't have to abide by these new rules. Without a vote in January, this delay would be several months before the legislation takes effect.

Please vote for CB62 with strengthening amendments this evening.
Thank you,
Kim Drake

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

-----Original Message-----

From: salsmanado@everyactioncustom.com <salsmanado@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:08 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,

Ryan Salsman

8354 Montgomery Run Rd Apt B Ellicott City, MD 21043-7457 salsmanado@gmail.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: brownsdm@everyactioncustom.com <brownsdm@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:07 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Michele Brown
8168 Sea Water Path Columbia, MD 21045-2883 brownsdm@comcast.net

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From: strakool@everyactioncustom.com <strakool@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Kristina Strakna
6008 Middlewater Ct Columbia, MD 21044-4709 strakool@verizon.net

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To: Sayers, Margery
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From: jdsaul1@everyactioncustom.com <jdsaul1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:10 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Joseph Saul
11504 Manorstone Ln Columbia, MD 21044-5413 jdsaul1@verizon.net

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: lawilde@everyactioncustom.com <lawilde@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Lisa Wilde
2340 Daniels Rd Ellicott City, MD 21043-1910 lawilde@yahoo.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: Tbschmeck@everyactioncustom.com <Tbschmeck@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Dear Councilmember Opel Jones,

Please vote to save our Howard County trees and increase our forest canopy. We citizens depend upon the vital environmental services performed by trees as they protect the soil and offer habitat to wild creatures. Their majestic presence cools our immediate environment and soothes my soul.

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Sincerely,
Barbara Schmeckpeper
6305 Summercrest Dr Columbia, MD 21045-4468 Tbschmeck@gmail.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: dedenewport@everyactioncustom.com <dedenewport@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Dorothea Newport
4767 Leyden Way Ellicott City, MD 21042-5985 dedenewport@verizon.net

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: kelliann21@everyactioncustom.com <kelliann21@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Kellie Korba
8255 Stone Trail Ct Laurel, MD 20723-1181 kelliann21@yahoo.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: maribety55@everyactioncustom.com <maribety55@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Maribeth Vogel
2541 Painted Sunset Dr Ellicott City, MD 21042-2358 maribety55@verizon.net

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: flw2419@everyactioncustom.com <flw2419@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Frankie Winchester
7070 Cradlerock Way Apt 427 Columbia, MD 21045-4860 flw2419@gmail.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: lily150@everyactioncustom.com <lily150@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Sue Dreyfuss
8251 Academy Rd Ellicott City, MD 21043-5505 lily150@verizon.net

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:41 AM
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From: rbourgin@everyactioncustom.com <rbourgin@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Richard Bourgin
8863 Baltimore St Savage, MD 20763-9702 rbourgin@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard D <rdeutschmann2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: CB62 and CR142 - Support with Amendments

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We support this bill and strongly encourage its passage, with strengthening amendments proposed by Mark Southerland.

Thank you -

Richard & Vanessa Deutschmann
9485 Hickory Limb, Columbia, MD 21045

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: per|publ@everyactioncustom.com <per|publ@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 11:15 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Carla Tevelow
10205 Wincopin Cir Columbia, MD 21044-3433 per|publ@gmail.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: SunilMisra@everyactioncustom.com <SunilMisra@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2019 4:57 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Sunil Misra
7025 Flintfeet Ln Columbia, MD 21045-5206 SunilMisra@msn.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: cherylarney@everyactioncustom.com <cherylarney@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2019 1:33 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
Cheryl Arney
4361 Wild Filly Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042-5931 cherylarney@gmail.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: plurmom@everyactioncustom.com <plurmom@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2019 5:04 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sincerely,
Mary Morris
8567 Murphy Rd Laurel, MD 20723-2011
plurmom@aol.com

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From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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From: dws871@everyactioncustom.com <dws871@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2019 12:40 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please Support CB-62 and CB-142

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Sincerely,
David Seldin
11300 Knights Landing Ct Laurel, MD 20723-2050 dws871@verizon.net

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2019 8:30 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-62

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My latest musings on CB-62, it's amendments, and what is truly important to consider.....

<http://howcome.md/seeing-the-forest-and-the-trees/>

Best regards,

Susan

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2019 6:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Sager, Jennifer; Kuc, Gary
Subject: CB62-2019 Amendment 1 Correction

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Councilmembers,

The COMAR reference in CB62, Amendment 1 is incorrect. On Page 1, Line 4 (strike "08.19.03" and substitute "08.09.03.01") the citation should be "08.19.03.01" not "08.09.03.01." As seen below, Forest Conservation is Subtitle 19 not 09.




The reference appears correctly in CB66, Amendment 1, Page 8, Line 24: "COMAR [[08.19.03]] 08.19.03.01, article II, "Forest and Tree Conservation."

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz



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-  [Title 08. Department of Natural Resources](#)
-  [Subtitle 19. FOREST CONSERVATION](#)
-  [Chapter 08.19.03. Model Forest Conservation Ordinance](#)

Sec. 08.19.03.01. Ordinance for Local Program

Sayers, Margery

From: Betsy Singer <betsysing@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2019 10:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: LWVHC support for Forest Conservation Act (CB-62)

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

The League of Women Voters Howard County supports CB62-2019, a bill that would repeal and reenact the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County and bring Howard County in compliance with Maryland state law.

The League of Women Voters has a long-standing position supporting management of land as a finite resource not a commodity, since land ownership, whether public or private, carries responsibility for stewardship.

LWVHC supports environmental and sustainable balance in developing property including the protection and restoration of habitat and natural resources through the use of the following tools: professional staff with environmental expertise; environmental protection regulations and policies; clear lines of environmental review; and environmental compliance.

CB 62-2019 advances these goals by increasing compliance with State law, increasing development obligation for replanting, and for requiring inclusion of protections for the Green Infrastructure Network (GIN) in development plans.

We support new requirements for developers to meet forest conservation obligations on-site before being allowed to use off site locations for compliance. We support strengthening regulations for paying fees instead of actually replanting trees, and We support greatly limiting exceptions to variance regulations and requiring the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Office of Community Sustainability and the Department of Recreation and Parks to approve all variances.

Forests are critical to the health of our community. The importance of forests cannot be underestimated. We depend on forests for clean air we breathe and habitat for birds and animals. Forests also offer watershed protection, prevent soil erosion and are crucial to mitigation of climate change. As trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere.

We urge you to support CB 62-2019.

Betsy Singer, LWVHC Environment Chair

[410-730-7740](tel:410-730-7740)

[443-812-2525](tel:443-812-2525)

cell

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Betsy Singer

410-730-7740

443-812-2525 cell

Sayers, Margery

From: Russell Schumann <rschumann.elder@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2019 9:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: krschwa1@verizon.net
Subject: Forest Conservation Act

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council Members:

I support CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act. As a bird watcher, I enjoy seeing birds in their native habitats all across Maryland. This bill will help preserve our forest areas in Howard County, which is home for many species, such as the Wood Thrush, that depend on mature, intact forest areas for breeding. Thrushes and many other species are in steep decline, and this bill will help to slow and hopefully help to reverse that decline, preserving the birds that many of us love to observe in their forest habitat. I ask that you support this bill and also strengthen provisions that will ensure a no-net-loss of forest, as is called for by Maryland's Forest Conservation Act. **THANKS, I know that you'll make the correct decision in regard to strengthening & passing this bill.**

Regards,
Russ Schumann
HoCo Bird Club

Sayers, Margery

From: Gill Bentley <kayakleland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB62-19 with amendment

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RE: CB62-19 Attn: Liz Walsh and members of Howard County Council
Nov. 28, 2019

AS a member of the Howard County Bird Club and Howard County District 1 resident , I recently learned about the State of Maryland's Forest Conservation Act and that Howard County was NOT IN COMPLIANCE. My unhappy experience is when developers get a hold of land for development , it is often razing of trees and planting of house. My concern beyond habitat loss (bird population is down 1/4 since 1970 I'm told) is the prospect of runoff of topsoil, nutrients, pollution. At a recent conference in Louisville, KY, , Aruni Bhatnagar,Phd, talked about cardiovascular effects of pollutants . "Trees are pollutant scrubbers." "Plant more trees."

Mz. Walsh and members of Council, I would hope for your support to pass the proposed bill and amendment when it comes to a vote on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019..

Thank you,

Gill Bentley
3855 Manor Ln
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Mobile w.Voice Mail: 419 345 4583
FAX: 410 480 2046
kayakleland@gmail.com

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From: Lisa Troutman <cat.home@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 9:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I support CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act. As a bird watcher and equestrian, I enjoy seeing birds in their native habitat and having access to areas for trail riding. This bill will help preserve actual forest, which is home for many bird species that depend on mature, intact forest for breeding, such as the Wood Thrush. These species are in steep decline and this bill will help to slow or possibly reverse their decline, preserving the birds that I love. It's important to provide uninterrupted corridors for wildlife. Please support this bill and also strengthen provisions that will ensure a no-net-loss of forest, as is called for by Maryland's Forest Conservation Act.

Sincerely,
Lisa Troutman, DVM, MS

Sayers, Margery

From: Clayton Koonce <cg.koonce@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 2:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I support CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act, and urge you to pass and enforce this act. Please know that I have been a resident of Howard County since 1998 and that I chose to continue living here after retiring from federal government service in 2015. Besides many other amenities, the county's many parks and wild areas, not to mention the Open Space system in Columbia where I live, make this a great place to live. But these stands of trees are not enough and I would like to see more protection of forest and woodland beyond the boundaries of the parks. A healthy growth of trees is necessary for wildlife habitat, watershed, mitigating the effects of climate change and just plain good for scenery and well-being for residents and visitors alike. I do not want to see development lay waste to what remains of the county's Green Infrastructure Network. Please support this bill and please improve measures to ensure the no-net-loss of forest required by Maryland's Forest Conservation Act. Please consider this bill as being both good for birds and other wildlife and good for the people who live here. Thanks for your consideration.

*Clayton Koonce
5587 Vantage Point Road
Columbia*

Sayers, Margery

From: Michele DeMuis <micheledemuis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Bill CB-2019

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Dear councilmembers – I am writing to let you know of my strong support for this bill to preserve forested land in our beautiful county. As I'm sure you know, birds all across the country are in steep decline in large part because of loss of habitat due to development. This bill will help preserve mature forest which many species need to breed and survive – cutting down forests and planting individual decorative trees in developments simply is not the same.

Many of us have chosen to live in Howard County because of its balance between convenient living and natural beauty. Please help preserve what's left of our natural spaces. This is important to many of us with our eyes on the environment. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my email!

Michele DeMuis
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Ellicott City 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Carl Brudin <brudin873@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 12:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB62-2019

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I support CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act. As a bird watcher, outdoor enthusiast, hiker, biker, hunter etc, I enjoy seeing birds in their native habitat.

This bill will help preserve actual forest, which is home for many species that depend on mature, intact forest for breeding, such as the Wood Thrush, and many other forest loving birds. These species are in steep decline, and this bill will help to slow or even reverse that decline, .

Please support this bill and also strengthen provisions that will ensure a no-net-loss of forest, as is called for by Maryland's Forest Conservation Act.

Thanks,

Carl Brudin III

Sayers, Margery

From: Deborah Belchis <dbelchis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB62-2019

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Dear Howard County Council Members:

I support CB62-2019, The Forest Conservation Act. Habitat loss is a serious problem across the world. It impacts our quality of life in many ways including the variety of animal species around us, the purity of the air we breathe and the water we drink, and even our ability to deal with daily stress and our sense of well being. Once destroyed we cannot replace it. Studies have demonstrated that man cannot rebuild these areas once we destroy them. We can achieve only 50% of the diversity of habitat that nature had made. In addition, our understanding of how trees communicate with each other by underground highways of fungi and the interconnected microbiome that creates is just getting started. The forests provide needed travel routes for many woodland dwellers, another feature difficult to recreate once it is lost.

As a physician and environmentalist I urge you to support CB62-2019. Let us leave our children a world of beauty and diversity filled with the bird sounds that we love to hear. Rachel Carson so rightly warned us against a silent world. We can set an example and provide a road map for other communities and future generations.

Sincerely,
Deborah Belchis, MD
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