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Dear Mr. Ely:

I recently had an opportunity to review a summary of proposed regulations regarding the use of state forest land. I am writing to express concern about the impact of the proposed regulations.

Although I applaud your efforts to make our forest lands more user-friendly, I fear that certain sections may indeed have the opposite effect. In particular, the provisions to prohibit horses and bikes on designated trails, require permits to be obtained by all campers, and prohibit snow plowing on state forest roads, all serve to reduce access to our state forests. I hope you will fully consider the potential impact of these and other provisions contained in your proposed regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Barley", written over a horizontal line.

Representative John E. Barley
100th Legislative District

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