

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Colleague:

The United States has a great treasure and valuable asset in its federally-owned forests. The stewardship of these resources is a serious responsibility creating a mandate for the federal government to be a competent and foresighted manager on behalf of the American people. We are concerned that the current federal forest management systems are inadequate and need to be revised in accordance with the latest scientific knowledge. S.977, the Act to Save America's Forests, is a proposal that we believe makes good use of the latest scientific research and provides a concrete blueprint for managing our federal forests.

We are very pleased to be able to share with you a letter highlighting the benefits of S.977, signed by more than 600 members of the scientific community including universally-acknowledged international experts in the natural sciences. Should you have any questions on the Act or would like to become a cosponsor, please contact Peter Pagano, of Senator Torricelli's staff at 4-3224. Thank you for your consideration.

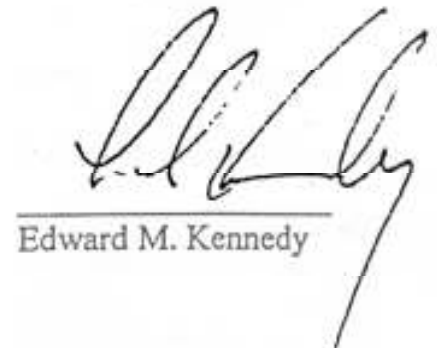
Sincerely,



John Kerry



Robert G. Torricelli



Edward M. Kennedy