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Assembly

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Committee on Forestry

Assembly Bill 402

Relating to: creating forest enterprise areas; the creation of a managed forest land board of review; review of certain decisions of the Department of Natural Resources regarding forestry practices on managed forest land; annual allowable timber harvests; management plans for large ownerships of managed forest land and for group enrollments; designation of additional managed forest land; leasing of managed forest land; the taxation of managed forest land; granting rule-making authority; requiring the exercise of rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

By Joint Legislative Council.

December 01, 2011 Referred to Committee on Forestry.

March 15, 2012 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

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TO: Assembly Forestry Committee

FROM: Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 402 Related to the Managed Forest Law

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Please know that the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Inc. cannot support this bill as currently proposed. In our testimony on the companion Senate bill, SB 161, we identified several changes needed to this bill that unfortunately were not incorporated as a result of committee action. In particular, we are very concerned that this bill would INCREASE property taxes on new entries to the MFL. In addition, rather than simplify and improve efficiencies, this bill would further increase its complexity for landowners trying to understand the program along with placing even more administrative demands on local and state staff.

If no action is taken on this bill, it's important to know that work to update the managed forest law will continue. At its last meeting, the Governor's Council on Forestry established a sub-committee of its members, along with other interested groups, to further review proposed changes to the MFL and to develop recommendations for future legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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