



MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY

The Agassiz Museum

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Mr. Michael Kellett
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Kellett:

Many decades of research have convinced me and many other conservation scientists that we must save at least half of the Earth from industrial exploitation if we hope to avoid catastrophic plant and animal extinctions. A bill introduced into this Massachusetts legislative session, HD.3500, would make us the first state to give this protection to all of its public lands. I strongly support this bill, which would permanently protect 13 percent of the Massachusetts land area, reaching from the Berkshires to the Atlantic Coast. This is the single most important action the people of the state can take to preserve our natural heritage. As it has many times in the past, Massachusetts can provide leadership on this issue, inspiring other states across the country to take similar bold action.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. O. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line.

Edward O. Wilson
Harvard University Research Professor Emeritus

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