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Mr. David Kenney, Director
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Dear Director Kenney:

I am writing to express my deep concern with Department action regarding the harvesting of timber at the Pere Marquette State Park. During my campaign, I toured the Park with local residents and other concerned citizens and was amazed and very dissatisfied with the extent of the proposed harvest of trees.

I wish you to also, be aware of my extreme displeasure that the Legislature has not been advised of this action, and I seriously question the statutory right of the Department of Conservation to invite and encourage logging operations in this or any other State Park without the express direction of the General Assembly. Further, it is my strong belief that a logging operation of this type at Pere Marquette State Park was never the intention of legislation and the mandate of the General Assembly.

In light of the controversy of this situation, I specifically ask that the Department of Conservation strongly consider a moratorium to the harvest operation until the General Assembly is able to review this action.

Sincerely yours,

Vince Demuzio
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cc: Governor James Thompson