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The Honorable Michael Cryans New Hampshire Executive Council District 1 PO Box 999 Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

Dear Councilor Cryans:

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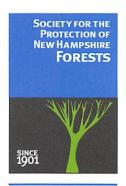
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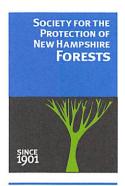
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