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Senator Andrew Roraback, Co-Chair
Representative Paul Davis, Co-Chair
and other members of the Regulations Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: New proposed regulations and amendments to current regulations on the Asian
longhorned beetle and Emerald ash borer

Dear Senator Roraback and Representative Davis:

Under the authority of CT General Statute 22-84 and pursuant to Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit for your consideration and approval the enclosed proposed regulations on two very destructive insect pests of trees. The summary of the public hearing shows that there is support for these regulations. Nobody voiced opposition. It is extremely important for us to adopt firewood regulations at this time.

During July of 2012, the Emerald ash borer was detected in Prospect, CT. Subsequent infestations were documented in Beacon Falls, Bethany, Naugatuck, and Waterbury. Federal and state quarantines have been placed on New Haven County. Although there is no evidence of the Asian longhorned beetle in Connecticut, there is a vast infestation in Worcester, MA of about 110 square miles. The southern border of this zone is about 13 miles from the Connecticut border.

Please find the required documents for your review. A statement of purpose is included at the end of the proposed regulations to satisfy the Committee's Rule 10. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director

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