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Dear Friends:

I am writing at the request of many of my constituents who are concerned about the preservation of Estabrook Woods and who believe that development in the area will endanger an environmentally sensitive area.

As Senator Kennedy and Representative Mechan have explained to you in their communications, our constituents would like you to carefully consider the educational and ecological value in Estabrook Woods, which they believe outweighs the benefits of the proposed athletic facilities. The woods are part of the environmental and historical legacy that is of great significance to the Concord community and our state heritage. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs designated Estabrook Woods as both a Forest Legacy Area and a Core Habitat, deemed necessary for the protection of endangered and rare species.

I encourage you to take these concerns into consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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John Kerry