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The Honorable John Hunt
and the Commerce & Consumer Affairs Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 302
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 475 prohibiting the production of a drivers' license or nondrivers' picture identification card as a condition of conducting certain business.

Dear Chair Hunt and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this information on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation ("Division") regarding HB 475. **The Division does not take a position on this legislation, but we want you to be aware of how this bill may impact state park operations and park guests.**

Pursuant to RSA 218:5-c, the Division grants to any person who, upon proper identification, is a resident of this state and who has attained the age of 65, free admission to state parks, historical sites, and state-operated ski areas. As proof of age and residency, the NH senior presents his/her drivers' license or nondrivers' picture ID to the state park tollbooth staff to enjoy this benefit.

We respectfully request clarification as to whether this legislation will exempt the Division and enable NH seniors to continue to present their drivers' license or nondrivers' photo ID as a condition of providing free entry to state parks. We need to be able to ensure that we have a process to treat all our guests equitably.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information related to HB 475. Please let me know if I can answer questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Bryce".

Philip A. Bryce, Director

Cc: Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner