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Dear Friends of Andrews Woods,

Thank you for taking up the battle to preserve the woods in Pigeon Cove. I thought we had already—years ago—made clear our support for keeping the woods in our neighborhood safe from development. If they are developed it would once again reduce Rockport, especially Pigeon Cove, to being a mere replica of suburbs everywhere, rather than a magical place with a natural environment that visitors from all over the globe come to visit and find wondrous. I know. I have met so many of them who all say: You are lucky to live in such a unique environment.

I have run Windhover Performing Arts Center for over 40 years—44, to be exact—and everyone who comes here, whether as student or faculty or audience has remarked on how amazing and rich in natural wonders this special place, Pigeon Cove, is. What attracts them is not only proximity to the ocean but the respect for the natural wonders of this world, as exemplified in our woods and quarries. In a world where these natural wonders are disappearing, people who visit are truly gratified to find that there still is such a place that holds these values of 'nature' over 'development'.

These are our treasures and we must fight to keep them intact.

I will end with a quote that I think is relevant:

"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."

-President Lyndon B. Johnson
on signing the Wilderness Act of 1964

My best,

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