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HB 36 Proponent Testimony

Hi, my name is Ben Forrer, and I am in fourth grade. The Monarch butterfly's species has dropped dramatically the last few years. The past twenty years the Monarch population has diminished 90 percent! Cutting down forests is a reason that the monarch is decreasing in numbers. 2.2 million acres of milkweed land is lost. If we lose all of our milkweed then monarchs would die, or they would go to live in another country. Ohio is important to Monarch butterflies because we have an abundance of milkweed. If you find milkweed in a forest and heard it is getting chopped down what do you do? I would carefully take the seeds and take them somewhere safe to grow. Monarch butterflies are important to Ohio.