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Re: U.S. Tariffs Impact on Lumber Industry

The Canadian lumber and forest industry is facing deep challenges, and these have been significantly exacerbated by the recent decision by the United States administration to impose blanket tariffs on Canadian products, in addition to the existing antidumping and countervailing duties on our lumber products. This action requires an urgent response.

As one of North America's largest lumber producers, with an extensive network of operations on both sides of the border, we know that these tariffs and duties only serve to hurt our industry, our customers in the vital homebuilding and construction sectors, and especially individual consumers in both Canada and the U.S. This has wide-reaching effects on the broader North American economy. On behalf of Interfor, our 5000 employees, and the hundreds of contractors and suppliers we work with, I am writing to request your support in urging the Federal government to dedicate all efforts to pursuing a swift resolution.

The tariffs and duties on lumber hurt our industry, but they also hinder the ability of communities to address one of their most pressing challenges: housing. There are significant housing shortages in virtually every community in North America, on both sides of the border. These shortages will need to be addressed, and the lumber products we produce are vital inputs to homebuilding. These tariffs will increase the costs of homebuilding. They also add complexity and uncertainty to the supply chain, inhibiting the action necessary to increase housing supply.

Urgent action is required.

Our company, customers, partners and suppliers are raising the alarm with political leaders and government officials, and I am writing to request your support for these efforts. We are calling on governments to dedicate all available energy and resources towards reaching a sustainable long-term solution to the current situation.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your support of those who rely on the forest economy. Please reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss how Interfor is weathering the current environment, and how you can help build a more optimistic future for our industry.

Sincerely,

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