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(via email to Ms. Kate Woods)

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Chairman Doc Hastings
House Committee on Natural Resources
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for HR 1526

Dear Chairman Hastings:

The Treated Wood Council (TWC) serves more than 490 member organizations throughout the treated wood industry, including member companies that harvest timberlands, convert raw timber into dimensional lumber and round stock, and using EPA-registered pesticides manufacture preserved wood products for such uses as decking, railroad ties, highway guard rails, utility poles, agricultural fence posts and marine pilings. Our membership includes 18 organizations in the state of Washington [Aberdeen, Arlington, Bellingham (2), Colville, Longview, Morton, Olympia (2), Raymond, Rochester, Sumas, Sumner, Tacoma (2), Vancouver and Washougal (2)]. TWC is pleased to offer its support for HR 1526.

Earlier this year, the Treated Wood Council had contacted Mr. Tyler Hamman of the House Committee on Natural Resources, regarding legislation that you had introduced in 2012 – HR 4019 - with concerns about that legislation and suggested amendments.

On April 12th, you re-introduced that legislation as HR 1526. TWC supports the goals of HR 1526 to help the economic stability of counties containing Federal forest land. We also support Section 2, Subparagraph (1)(A) in HR 1526, which allows for commercial post and pole sales to be included in determining the volume of national forest materials.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me, 202-641-5427, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey T. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey T. Miller
President & Executive Director

cc - Tyler Hamman