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FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY NATIONAL LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### **International Unions:**

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

United Mine Workers of America

## **Regional Affiliates:**

Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers

Carpenters Industrial Council

Woodworkers District Lodge 1, IAM

Woodworkers District Lodge 2, IAM

### **National Associations:**

American Forest & Paper Association

National Alliance of Forest Owners

American Wood Council

#### **Regional Associations:**

American Forest Research Council

Arkansas Forestry Association

California Forestry Association

Intermountain Forest Association

Louisiana Forestry Association

Minnesota Forest Industries

Oregon Forest Industries Council

American Loggers Council

1111 19th Street, NW 3rd Floor Washington, DC 20036 The Honorable <mark>NAME</mark> U.S. House of Representatives <mark>NUMBER BUILDING</mark> House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

# Subject: Support for HR 2936, The Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017

Dear Congressman NAME:

As chair of the Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee, I am writing in strong support of HR 2936, The Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017. I urge you to vote in support of HR 2936 when it comes to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote on Wednesday, November 1.

The Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee is a non-profit trust formed to pursue the common public policy interests of the working men and women in the forest products industry. Collectively, the Committee represents more than two million workers across the nation, including lumber and sawmill workers, woodworkers, machinists, carpenters, and pulp and paper workers.

The balanced and sustainable management of our federally-owned forests has been of significant interest to the Committee since it was founded in 1990. Since that time, the Committee has engaged on numerous pieces of federal forest and related legislation.

HR 2936 is a bipartisan measure that will address the growing economic and environmental threats posed by catastrophic wildfires. HR 2936 provides a responsible budgetary solution and targeted forest management reforms to improve the health and resiliency of America's forests. Adoption of these proposals will enhance federal forest stewardship; protect forest ecosystems from catastrophic fire and disease; and preserve rural, family wage jobs.

The Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee urges you to vote in support of HR 2936, the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017, when the measure comes to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote this week.

Sincerely,

Mike Draper, Chairman Forest Products Industry National Labor Management Committee

