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Honourable Doug Donaldson,
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
Room 248 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

PMFLProgramReview@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister,

RE: Coastal Forest Policy Review and the Private Managed Forest Land Act

We understand that there is potential in the changes being contemplated for the Private Managed Forest Land Act that could reduce the size of the working forest through additional constraints. More than half of the log production from these forests in Coastal BC occurs at the hands of the United Steelworkers Local 1-1937.

USW appreciates that science evolves and so do forest practices. Over decades of working with private managed forest landowners we know that there are numerous incentives and checks to ensure harvest levels are sustainable and that public values are respected in the management of the renewable resource.

Our expectation is that this letter is received as a reminder of the importance of private managed forests to the renewable forest economy of the Coast and the communities within it.

We request further consultation if you anticipate any changes that could materially affect the working forest and in turn, decrease the workforce of our dedicated membership.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Butler".

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President



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