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Senator Wayne Morse
Chairman
Subcommittee on Retailing Distribution and Marketing Practices
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Senator Morse:

SUBJECT: Log exports from Pacific Northwest
states of Washington and Oregon to
Japan

The economies of Oregon and Washington are closely tied to our Forest Products Industry and to the employment of our citizens in those industries. In our opinion, the export of our logs spells the loss of jobs, huge losses by those forced out of business, and, by a chain effect, it seriously depresses the economic health of the entire Pacific Northwest.

In order to put this total matter into proper perspective, we must realize that the log exports during 1967 totaled approximately 1,700,000,000 feet. The predictions for 1968, 1969, and 1970 would indicate that unless action is taken by some agency of the Federal Government, exports will reach 2 billion feet during 1968 or 1969 and go on up from there! The figure of 2 billion feet is about 10% of the log requirements of the entire industry in all eleven Western States. Most of the logs, however, are exported from only the two states of Oregon and Washington. Without these logs to process, it is certain that about 10% of productive capacity of these states will be liquidated or moth-balled. This includes factories that produce lumber, plywood, hardboard, particle board, doors, mouldings, pulp and paper products. Numerous other plants and shops that are dependent on the industry will also be forced out of business. And, based upon the Pacific Power and Light Company studies, each million feet of logs exported, takes with it 3.6 jobs in lumber manufacturing, or 7.4 jobs in plywood production. The direct loss of jobs lost in exporting 2 billion feet would be 2000 times the above figures. Add to this the loss of jobs in the service industries, the professions and so on. The total loss is staggering.