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Honorable Wayne Morse United State Senator Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

SUBJECT: Log Exports

Dear Senator:

Frank Lumber Company, Inc., is a small independently owned and operated sawmill employing 84 people and developing a gross annual payroll of about \$650,000. Presently, we are sawing about 60% Federal timber in our plant and we anticipate a need for an additional 10/15% Federal timber two years hence. Our dependence upon a continous log supply from Federal lands, at a reasonable price, is absolutely vital to our existance.

Our mill began years ago to develop a plant capable of converting Hemlock logs into quality lumber. We have accomplished this goal and currently are milling about 97% West Coast Hemlock. Our utilization of this specie has brought us directly into Japanese Hemlock log export competition.

We do not oppose log exporting, as such, but we do feel reasonable limitations on exported quantities are necessary to sustain operation of American mills at reasonable stumpage rates. We positively oppose uncontrolled log exporting as currently being promoted in the Pacific Northwest. Up to this time we have successfully competed for sufficient logs to operate our plant but our ability to continue to do so in the face of unlimited log exporting is very questionable. We feel that controlling log export volumes at 1966 levels is a very realistic approach to the problem.

MANUFACTURERS OF K. D. WEST COAST HEMLOCK ♣ DOUGLAS FIR

