

April 23, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Chairman  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member

Dear Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

The undersigned organizations write to you in strong support for the nomination of James Hubbard to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Jim's background, experience, and understanding of forests and the important role these lands play – from providing clean air and water, places to recreate, hike, hunt, and fish, habitat for fish and wildlife, jobs in rural America, to products we use every day – make him the right person for the job. He understands the Forest Service, and the many challenges facing the agency. He understands the importance of the National Forests to local economies and the environment, and is committed to creating jobs in hard pressed rural communities. He understands the role of private forest lands in meeting the nation's environmental, social, and economic goals. In short, he is uniquely qualified to lead USDA's efforts to conserve, protect, and manage all of our forest resources.

Jim is a career public servant with an impeccable record, and a clear dedication to both forest management and conservation. We are all anxious to begin working with him as soon as possible. We urge you to quickly confirm James Hubbard so he can begin working on the many challenges facing our forests.

Sincerely,

Alaska Forest Association  
Alabama Forestry Association  
Aldo Leopold Foundation  
Alliance for Community Trees  
American Chestnut Foundation  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forests  
American Forest Foundation  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Forest Resource Council  
American Loggers Council  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Wood Council  
American Woodcock Society  
Arbor Day Foundation  
Archery Trade Association  
Arizona Cattlemen's Association  
Arkansas Forestry Association  
Arkansas Timber Producers Association  
Association of Consulting Foresters  
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Associated California Loggers  
Associated Oregon Loggers  
Binational Softwood Lumber Council  
Biomass Thermal Energy Council  
Black Hills Forest Resource Association  
California Cattlemen's Association  
California Forestry Association  
California ReLeaf  
California Wool Growers Association  
Canfor Southern Pine  
Center for Heirs' Property Preservation  
Center for Invasive Species Prevention  
Colorado Cattlemen's Association  
Colorado Timber Industry Association  
Connecticut Forest & Park Association  
Douglas Timber Operators  
Evergreen Forest County Group  
Federal Forest Resource Coalition  
F.H. Stoltze Land & Timber  
Florida Forestry Association  
Forest Landowners Association

Forest Energy Co.  
Forest Ind. National Labor Management Cmte.  
Forest Resources Association  
Forest Stewards Guild  
Forest Trends  
Genoverde Biosciences, Inc.  
Georgia Forestry Association  
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association  
Green Forests Work  
Hancock Natural Resources Group  
Hardwood Federation  
Hawaii Forest Industry Association  
Hedstrom Lumber  
Idaho Cattle Association  
Idaho Forest Group  
Idaho Wool Growers Association  
Illinois Forestry Association  
Intermountain Forest Association  
International Snowmobile Mfgs. Association  
Intertribal Timber Council  
Kansas Forestry Association  
Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
L&C Carbon LLC  
Longleaf Alliance  
Louisiana Pacific  
Maine Audubon  
Maine Woodland Owners  
Marine Retailers Assoc. of the Americas  
Michigan Forest Association  
Michigan Forest Products Council  
Minnesota Forest Industries  
Minnesota Forestry Association  
Minnesota Timber Producers Association  
Missouri Forest Products Association  
Montana Logging Association  
Montana Stock Growers Association  
Montana Wood Products Association  
Montana Wool Growers Association  
Mountain West Log Scaling & Grading Bureau  
National Alliance of Forest Owners  
National Association of Conservation Districts  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds  
National Association of State Foresters  
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Ski Areas Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association

National Woodland Owners Association  
Nevada Cattlemen's Association  
New England Forestry Foundation  
New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association  
New Jersey Forestry Association  
New Mexico Forest Industry Association  
Northeastern Loggers Association  
Northern Arizona Loggers Association  
Northern Forest Center  
North Carolina Forestry Association  
Oregon Cattlemen's Association  
Oregon Women in Timber  
Outdoor Recreation Roundtable  
Pacific Forest Trust  
Pennsylvania Forest Products Association  
Pennsylvania Forestry Association  
Pinchot Institute for Conservation  
PotlatchDeltic  
Professional Logging Contracts of Maine  
Public Lands Council  
Rayonier  
Resource Management Service, LLC  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
RV Industry Association  
Saloom Properties, LLC  
SCJ General Services  
Shannon Ramsay Timber  
Sierra Cascade Logging Conference  
Sierra Pacific Industries  
Smith Logging, Inc.  
Society of American Foresters  
South Carolina Timber Producers Association  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Southern Group of State Foresters  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative  
Sustainable Northwest  
Texas Forestry Association  
The Conservation Fund  
The Lyme Timber Company  
The Westervelt Company  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trust for Public Land  
Trees Forever  
U.S. Industrial Pellet Association  
Utah Cattlemen's Association  
Virginia Forestry Association  
Virginia Loggers Association  
Wallowa Resources  
Washington Cattlemen's Association  
Washington Contract Loggers Association  
Washington Forest Protection Association  
Washington Hardwoods Commission  
West Fraser

Western Hardwood Association  
Western Wood Preservers Institute  
Western Pallet Association  
Weyerhaeuser  
Wildlife Mississippi  
Wisconsin Paper Council  
Wyoming Stock Growers Association  
Vermont Woodlands Association