Petition for a Tariff for Log Exports

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF CANADA, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT Canada has entered into a Softwood Lumber Agreement that has resulted in a tariff on lumber under certain market conditions;

THAT export of logs from private lands is regulated by the federal government;

THAT in British Columbia, and in particular central Vancouver Island, there are large tracts of private land holdings;

THAT market conditions since the Softwood Lumber Dispute began, and current conditions, create incentives for logs to be exported rather than processed locally; during the period of punishing duties major investment in Pacific North West (US) mills led to a massive increase in coastal log exports,

THAT of approximately 1,000,000 acres of private forest land on central Vancouver Island, nearly 70% of logs harvested are currently destined for export;

THEREFORE your petitioners urge the Government of Canada to implement a tariff on logs exported from private lands, to level the playing field and ensure that Canadian mills, as well as secondary industries that rely on byproducts of processing, are given equal opportunity;

AND urge the Government of Canada to work with the province of British Columbia to implement a similar tariff on logs exported from Crown Land.

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