April 23, 2018

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

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 Forestry Association
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 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