

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