



July 19, 2016

The Honorable Derek Kilmer

United States House of Representatives

c/o Olympic Peninsula Forest Collaborative, for its meeting of July 21, 2016, in Quilcene

Dear Mr. Kilmer:

The Port Angeles Business Association commends and supports the Olympic Peninsula Forest Collaborative.

As you know, three mills in our area have closed. It is much too late to save those jobs. But we hope the Collaborative's successes will reach a scale that will provide a certain (and longterm) log supply sufficient to attract other mill expansions and a new cross-laminated timber (CLT) facility.

As the Collaborative began in May 2015, you suggested there would be opportunities for broader representation on the Collaborative. We hope you and the other leaders of the Collaborative will now add additional stakeholders.

We suggest that additions to the Collaborative include the Port Angeles Business Association, the cities of Forks and Port Angeles, Port Angeles Economic Development Corporation, North Olympic Timber Action Committee, Port of Port Angeles, Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Forks Chamber of Commerce. All of these entities are central and important stakeholders in the management of Olympic National Forest. Their representatives should be at the table.

In appreciation of your consideration of this request,

Sincerely,

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