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LD1724

To: Senator Daughtry, Representative Sylvester and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing,

From: Donald Cold, President, Trees, Ltd.

My name is Donald Cole. I am president of Trees Ltd. of Sidney Maine. Along with my brother Will, Vice President, our company employs eight persons in the Augusta area in the forest products industry and enjoys a long-standing and growing client base of well managed forest landowners.

I would like to express our serious opposition to LD 1724, a bill that no logger or constituents in our circle of influence has asked for from our legislators.

In a time where we are asked time and again to reduce unnecessary costs, it seems counterproductive to introduce to the executive branch (or any other branch) a layering of bureaucratic "help" to address what free entrepreneurs already do well... resolve things. Yes, to the surprise of many, that's what we do, every day; to the satisfaction of the everyday stakeholders.

Please, with respect due to your several offices from me and those like me who labor in the Maine forest, refrain from promoting this bill by recognizing the "log" in the eye that it is. We will all see more clearly to resolve the specs of sawdust without it.

Respectfully,

Donald Cole

President
Trees, Ltd.