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MR. TIM O'HARA  
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Dear Mr. O'Hara:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ongoing support for the forest products industry, and interest in our Nation's forests and grasslands. I appreciate your leadership and expression of support for our efforts. I value all the associations, companies, and employees in the forest products sector that support forest health, vibrant forest products businesses, strong markets, and all that they deliver to the American public.

The USDA Forest Service is using a multi-pronged approach to deliver support, technical assistance, improved policies, and financial incentives to facilitate and create diverse markets for the forest products sector. I understand the importance of the forest products industry and the critical role markets play for all forest products. The Forest Service is working hard to support both healthy forest products industry and markets. I encourage you to reference the enclosed document for examples of recent Forest Service initiatives to support the forest products industry.

If you have additional questions, please contact John Crockett, Deputy Chief of State, Private and Tribal Forestry, at (703) 517-5211 or [john.crockett@usda.gov](mailto:john.crockett@usda.gov). I encourage you to share this response with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK  
*Secretary*

Enclosure