Template Letter for Saying Thank You to Legislators

*Please copy the below information into an email or word document.*


[Date]

The Honorable [Full Name of Senator or Representative or Governor]
[Policymakers office (i.e. Senate or House of Representative)]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Subject if sent via email: Thank You for Your Effort in New USGBC Decision to Recognize Family Forest Owners

Dear Senator or Representative or Governor [Last Name]:

I’m writing to say **THANK YOU**. Because of your hard work over the past several years to advocate for Tree Farmers, [this week or this month] the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced plans to open their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system, to accept wood products from all credible certification programs, including wood from forests certified by the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).

It has been a long road to secure this support for wood products and family woodland owners, but it would not have happened without the thousands of letters, emails, visits, and phone calls that you and all our supporters made to USGBC and the users of the LEED rating system.

As you know, 22 million American’s own and care for more than one-third of America’s forests. Markets for sustainable wood products, like the opportunity to sell our wood for use in green building construction, enables us to keep our land forested and manage it for the clean air and water, and wildlife habitat that we all count on.
In addition to recognizing ATFS, USGBC’s announcement also opens LEED to the use of wood certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification, in addition to the Forest Stewardship Council.

On behalf of Tree Farmers and family woodland owners across the country, thank you again for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Name]
Tree Farmer from [City, State]