

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 12, 2018

The Honorable Pat Roberts
Chairman
Senate Agriculture Committee
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Ranking Member
Senate Agriculture Committee
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable K. Michael Conaway
Chairman
House Agriculture Committee
1301 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Collin C. Peterson
Ranking Member
House Agriculture Committee
1010 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Roberts and Stabenow and Congressmen Conaway and Peterson:

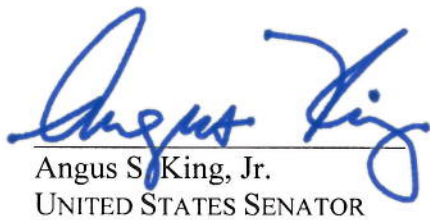
As you continue the process of conferencing the House and Senate farm bill packages, we write in support of provisions in the Senate farm bill that would promote the application of mass-timber technologies.

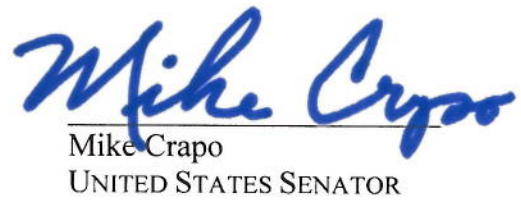
We are supporters of the Senate farm bill, which passed our chamber with a strong bipartisan vote of 86-11. We especially support provisions of the bill that would dedicate further research and development into mass timber technologies.

Mass timber, which are timber products engineered for use in the construction of large structures, is safe, innovative, effective and environmentally sound material currently being used in buildings all over the world to great success. Promoting the use of this material in the United States will help strengthen buildings, reduce construction time, help meet sustainability goals, and benefit rural economies across the country. That is why we support the policies in the Senate farm bill that would ensure proper research and development into mass timber, and further advance the use of such innovative wood products.

As you continue conferencing the Senate and House passed farm bills, we urge you to maintain the provisions in the Senate bill providing for specific and unique funding for research and development of mass timber technologies.

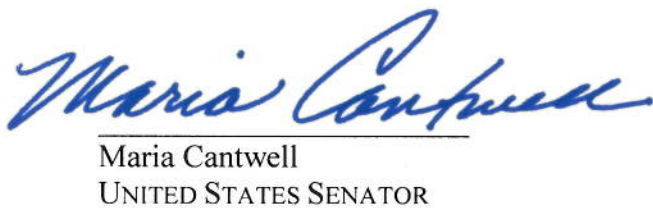
Sincerely,


Angus S. King, Jr.
UNITED STATES SENATOR

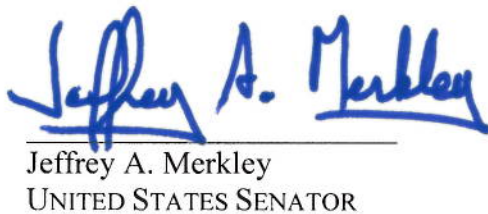

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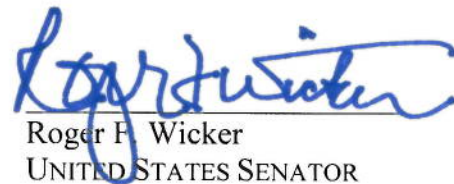

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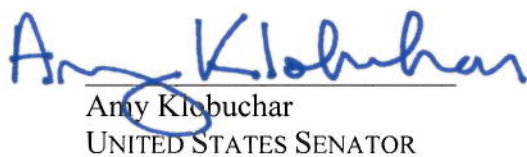

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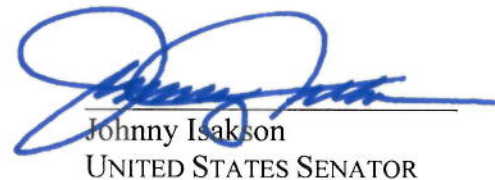

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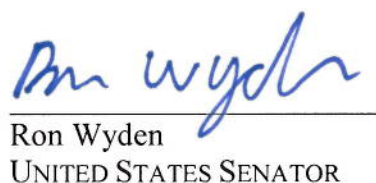

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