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Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

John Boozman, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

Glenn Thompson, Chairman
U.S. House Agriculture Committee

David Scott, Ranking Member
U.S. House Agriculture Committee

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Boozman, and Ranking Member Scott,

As you begin advancing the 2023 Farm Bill, the undersigned groups and entities urge you to ensure and enhance the generational benefits of forestry investments made in the 117th Congress. These investments include more than $13 billion in comprehensive forest-climate solutions for critical issues such as wildfire risk reduction and post-burn recovery, conservation and restoration of public lands, promoting sustainable private land stewardship and climate-smart forestry, addressing deadly extreme heat, reducing energy costs, and improving economic opportunities in communities large and small across the nation.

More than investments in trees, these recently enacted forestry provisions can save lives, protect and restore critical landscapes, and capture hundreds of millions of tons of carbon, all while improving quality of life and creating good-paying jobs. These benefits will be shared by rural and urban communities alike, on both public and privately owned lands, and generate economic growth in every section of the country.

Recognizing the disparate opinions in Congress, as among the signers of this letter, on any individual piece of legislation; we all agree the investments in forest-climate solutions are a win-win for the American people and must be strengthened and protected in future bipartisan legislation.

The undersigned groups represent a diverse and broad spectrum of non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and other entities who all recognize the critical need for natural climate solutions. We urge you to ensure that the forestry title of the 2023 Farm Bill protects these investments and allows them to deliver their vital economic and community benefit.

Sincerely,

Alpine Forestry
American Forests
American Forest Foundation
Anew Climate, LLC
Appalachian Mountain Club
California Urban Forests

Carbon 180
Center for Invasive Species Prevention
Congressional Sportsmen Caucus
The Davey Tree Expert Company
Empire State Forests Products Association
Forest Stewards Guild
Forest Stewardship Council- U.S.
Green Infrastructure Center
Hispanic Access Foundation
Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association
The Lyme Timber Company
The Morton Arboretum
National Alliance of Forest Owners
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
National Association of State Foresters
National Association of University Forest Resource Programs
Natural Areas Conservancy
National Wildlife Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Natutral Areas Conservancy
Natural Resources Defense Council
New England Forestry Foundation
PotlatchDeltic
Rayonier
REI Co-op
Rural Voices for Conservation
Salesforce
Sierra Club
Society of American Foresters
Society for Protect NH Forests
Sonen Capital
Student Conservation Association
Sustainable Forestry Initiative
Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Network
Sustainable Northwest
The American Chestnut Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Timberland Investmestment Resources, LLC
Tree Folks
Trees Forever
Trees Louisville, Inc.
Trust for Public Land
Vermont Woodlands Association

Watershed Research & Training Center
West Coast Arborist
Western Environmental Law Center
The Westervelt Company
The Wilderness Society