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Hi Mike Johanns

I am writing about the FLEP program in the farm bill. It is my belief that we need this program for the future of the private forest. It is for the good of the environment and economy that this program continue.

Since I am a member of several forest organizations and a forest landowner I feel I can speak on this.

Forests are a renewable resource that reduces the dependency on oil and coal. Trees are very important to us in that they provide clean air and water. For each pound of growth a tree consumes an equal amount of carbon dioxide and produces oxygen for us. When trees reach maturity then this stops and reverses in the decay process. Trees also provide heating, cooling, erosion control, wildlife habitat, plus paper and wood products for our everyday life. It is the forest that is managed that provide for recreation, hunting and fishing because of their cleaning. Even many of our medicines have forest products as ingredients.

Many private forest owners cannot afford to manage their land without this program so I appeal to you to continue to fund this great health supporting program.

Hoping to hear from you
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