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The Honorable Grant Aldonas
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National
Lumber and
Building Material
Dealers
Association

Attn: Softwood Lumber Policy Bulletin

*Serving America's
Lumber and
Building Material
Dealers*

Dear Mr. Aldonas:

The National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association hereby submits its comments regarding the proposed Softwood Lumber Policy Bulletin published on June 24, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 37456-02).

NLBMDA is the trade organization representing twenty state and multi-state federated associations, more than 8,000 independent lumber and building material companies with over 300,000 employees. NLBMDA's membership reaches every state and congressional district in the nation.

NLBMDA as a member of the American Consumers for Affordable Homes fully supports ACAH's position where:

- The final policy bulletin should include all of the Canadian provinces.
- The Department of Commerce is requested to prepare an analysis of the financial impact the duties will have on U. S. consumers of softwood lumber.
- The Department takes all necessary steps to implement the decisions of the World Trade Organization ("WTO") and North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") dispute resolution panels that have ruled on this dispute.

Lumber dealers and our customers have been negatively impacted by the 27 percent duties on Canadian softwood lumber, therefore, the industry is anxious for a viable, long term solution to this trade dispute. The NLBMDA sincerely appreciates the Department's efforts to resolve this dispute in a timely and equitable fashion.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Shawn Conrad'.

Shawn Conrad
President