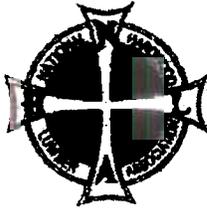


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**National
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TO: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

On behalf of the National Hardwood Lumber Association, we urge Members of Congress to vote in favor of H.R. 1904, the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

This legislation addresses threats to forests throughout the U.S. For the first time, private as well as public lands will be covered in healthy forest legislation. This will have an impact on the hardwood industry throughout the Midwest, South and Northeastern U.S. facing insect and disease infestations, as well as catastrophic fires.

Founded in 1898, the National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA) is a nonprofit trade association composed of more than 1700 companies and individuals who produce, sell, and use hardwood lumber, or provide services to the hardwood industry.

The House floor vote will be the primary criteria for assessing Congressional support of our industry, and we will be scoring the results accordingly for our association membership.

Thank you for your interest in healthy forests and your attention to this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul Houghland, Jr., CAE
Executive Manager