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**I am writing in support of House Bills 5001 & 5002 (AKA: Registered Forester Bills) sponsored by Representative Rendon. HB 5001 is the main RF bill, while HB 5002 makes minor changes in the QFP bill to address the new RF designation. The legislation is the result of several years of input from all sectors of the timber industry (i.e. MSAF, MACF, MAT, MFPC, MDNR, MDARD, MSU, MTU).**

I have been a Michigan Registered Forester since April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1990.

As indicated by Governor Snyder in written correspondence dated July, 2 2014:

“Professional foresters are a critical link in the state’s forest economy. Michigan’s Department of natural Resources, which manages 4 million acres of public forestland, relies on those professional foresters to make critical decisions about harvest and management including the identification and treatment of pests that can threaten whole forests.”

“At the same time, the Commercial Forest, Forest Stewardship and Qualified Forest programs are designated to encourage proper forest management practices on private lands.”

“Without certification to ensure appropriate education and training, the objectives of both public and private programs would be compromised.”

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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