

PRO-BUILD HOLDINGS, INC

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Honorable David Ramsay
Minister of Natural Resources
Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs
6630-99 Wellesley St W, 6th Flr, Whitney Block
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RE: Grassy Narrows Forestry Plans

Dear Minister Ramsay,

Pro-Build Holdings is among the top ten retailers of building materials in North America and the top professionally oriented building material dealer in the U.S. Over half of our volume consists of wood products and a significant portion of that originates from sources in Canada, much of which is from Ontario. We believe wood products are among the most environmentally sound building materials available and we continue to make efforts to ensure the products we purchase come from the most responsibly managed forests in the world.

We support the efforts of all parties working together to resolve the issues in the Grassy Narrows forest area in a timely fashion and urge you to continue to work toward a balanced resolution of the land use plans. By striking a balance between conservation and human well-being you will insure that wood products from Ontario continue to be appropriately recognized as being among the most sustainable, environmentally friendly building materials.

Congratulations on your enlightened approach as outlined in "Our Sustainable Future" which properly promotes the sustainable use of natural resources while allowing for collaboration, transparency and accountability in natural resource policy decisions. We look forward to seeing your strong leadership bring this important issue to a successful conclusion as it relates to the Grassy Narrows community in Northwest Ontario.

Sincerely,

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