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MICHIGAN FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL ENDORSES CONGRESSMAN DR. DAN BENISHEK

RON SALISBURY OF POTLATCH APPLAUDS REP'S SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO EXPAND FOREST INDUSTRY | | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – AUGUST, 25 2014

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Forest Products Council (MFPC) is pleased to announce that its board of directors has endorsed Representative Dan Benishek for the general election this coming November.

“The Michigan Forest Products Council is proud to endorse Representative Dr. Dan Benishek (R-MI 1st Congressional District) for reelection,” said Ron Salisbury, plant manager of Potlatch Forest Products and chairman of the MFPC. “The Congressman’s support in making the forest products industry a priority has helped ensure that Michigan’s forest related businesses can continue to create jobs. His continued efforts in Congress act as a strong voice for communities who thrive on stable wood fiber from healthy federal forests.” As a native of the Upper Peninsula, Congressman Benishek understands the importance of the forest products industry on rural communities.

The total economic benefit of Michigan’s forest products industry in 2014 is expected to be \$14.6 billion. The state has 19.3 million acres of forestland, including 2.5 million acres of federal National Forests and 312,500 private landowners. Additionally, Michigan’s forest products industry accounts for \$51 billion in direct and indirect economic impact.

The Michigan Forest Products Council works to promote, protect and sustain a globally competitive forest products industry in Michigan. The Michigan Forest Products Council is a statewide organization representing the forest products industry, which owns millions of acres of timberland and employs over 154,000 men and women in Michigan.

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