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New York State Senate
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Re: Senate Bill 5921 and Assembly Bill 6872 – “New York Deforestation-Free Procurement Act”

Dear Senators Stewart-Cousins, Ortt and Krueger, Speaker Heastie, and Assembly members Barclay and Zebrowski

I hope this letter finds you in good health during these challenging times. I am writing to raise the Government of Canada’s ongoing concerns regarding Senate Bill 5921A and Assembly Bill 6872A - “New York Deforestation-Free Procurement Act.”

In conversation with you and your good offices over the past year, my Provincial colleagues and I have stressed our opposition to the inclusion of boreal forests in these bills. For, in so doing, New York is including its most responsible and reliable supplier of forest products in a bill best directed at others. Canada has exceptional forest management and shares New York’s commitment to a green, sustainable future. We are concerned that the inclusion of Canada in these bills is misguided and a risk to our shared prosperity. As such, we will refrain from offering amendments at this time but reiterate our opposition.

That being said, I do look forward to continuing our discussion on these bills as we work together to advance our shared goal of reducing global deforestation without impacting responsible forest managers like Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Khawar Nasim'.

Khawar Nasim
Acting Consul General of Canada to New York