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U.S. Lumber Coalition Statement on ITC Hearing to Determine Injury Caused by Canadian Dumping

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Lumber Coalition today commented on the International Trade Commission (ITC) hearing to determine the extent of injury inflicted upon the American softwood lumber industry by unfairly traded Canadian softwood lumber.

“Lumber mill owners from across the country today made it clear that unfairly traded softwood lumber from Canada causes very real harm to U.S. producers and their workers. While Canadian producers enjoy massive government subsidies, their abuse of the U.S. trade laws results in lost profits, and lost ability to expand and grow production and jobs in the United States. As long as Canadian producers continue to ignore U.S. trade laws to suppress prices and capture growth in the American market, the U.S. government must level the playing field for U.S. workers by enforcing our laws,” said U.S. Lumber Coalition spokesperson, Zoltan van Heyningen.

“The U.S. Lumber Coalition supports the goal of reaching a new trade agreement with Canada regarding the import of softwood lumber. However, any new agreement must offset the harmful effects of subsidized Canadian lumber being dumped in the U.S. market. A successful trade deal with a clean quota will give the U.S. industry the opportunity to invest and grow, allowing us to compete on a level playing field with the Canadian industry.”

Additional information and background:

In April, the U.S. Department of Commerce ruled that Canada subsidizes softwood lumber production, distorting the U.S. softwood lumber market to the detriment of U.S. sawmills, their employees and communities. The U.S. Lumber Coalition’s statement can be found [here](#).

Additionally, in June, the U.S. Department of Commerce ruled that exporters from Canada have sold softwood lumber to the United States at less than fair value based on factual evidence provided by the interested parties. The U.S. Lumber Coalition’s statement on the antidumping duties can be found [here](#).

About the U.S. Lumber Coalition

The U.S. Lumber Coalition is an alliance of large and small lumber producers from around the country, joined by hundreds of thousands of their employees, and tens of thousands of woodland owners. The Coalition is united in opposition to Canada's unfair lumber-trade practices, including the gross underpricing of timber on government-owned lands. For more information, please visit the Coalition’s website at www.uslumbercoalition.org.