

# Why We Need the Full Enforcement of the U.S. Trade Laws

## The Problem

When the 2006-2015 U.S.-Canada Lumber Agreement expired, Canada expanded sales of subsidized, below market-value softwood lumber to the United States. The U.S. lumber industry saw its market share markedly decline and lost sales and revenues resulting in mill closures and job losses.

## The Solution

In 2017, the U.S. government took the appropriate action of implementing antidumping and countervailing duties on unfairly traded Canadian softwood lumber imports. U.S. trade law enforcement is a win-win for America, boosting American manufacturing and resulting in more U.S. lumber being produced by U.S. workers to build U.S. homes.

The United States has the natural resources to supply our own market. The U.S. Lumber Coalition supports the continued enforcement of the U.S. trade laws to strengthen domestic supply chains by allowing American companies to invest and increase the overall supply of made-in-America lumber.

Continued full enforcement of the U.S. trade laws is exactly what must happen to create jobs and advance production here at home for a stable, dependable supply of U.S. made lumber to meet demand and help build the American Dream of homeownership.



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direct & indirect jobs



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Operating across America



**10 million**  
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## What's at Stake?

- Over 750,000 direct and indirect jobs that the U.S. sawmill and wood preservation industry generates across America, including highly-skilled positions often utilizing robotics and 3D imaging, and high paying jobs that don't require college degrees.
- 500 manufacturing facilities operating in the sawmill, millwork and treating sectors.
- Approximately 10 million U.S. private landowners, managing approximately 420 million acres of family-owned timberlands, who depend on a strong domestic lumber industry.

## What You Need to Know

**Canada's unfair trade in lumber is threatening America's Main Street economy.** This is an issue of companies, fairness in trade, and economic stability for thousands of communities and hundreds of thousands of hardworking families across the U.S.

**If given a level-playing field, the U.S. lumber industry has vast untapped potential** in the form of good manufacturing jobs for Americans, investment returns, and economic growth for our country.

**In many rural communities, lumber manufacturing companies are the core employers**—we have an opportunity to not only retain these jobs, but create more by simply correcting the unfair market created by Canadian subsidies of softwood lumber production.

**U.S. homebuilders and others will still have the opportunity to buy Canadian lumber at fair market prices,** and we can do this while adding U.S. jobs.



For more information on the U.S. softwood lumber trade dispute visit:

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