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The Honourable Susan C. Schwab  
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Dear Ambassador Schwab:

As discussed, this letter is to clarify points relating to the implementation of the export measures and the exchange of information under the Canada-U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement ("SLA 2006"). Specifically, I can confirm the following points:

- II Each export permit will authorize a shipment of softwood lumber in accordance with the SLA 2006. A softwood lumber exportation to the United States will be permitted only if the date of shipment is declared on the export permit. The export permit is valid for 30 days.
- II Canada will disclose to the United States, on a monthly basis:
  - o the total volume of Canadian softwood lumber shipped to the United States during the month from each covered region and from each non-covered province, respectively;
  - o for each Option B region, the total calculated quota volume for the month as determined under paragraph 2 of Annex 7B to the SLA 2006;
  - o for each Option B region, the total volume of quota carried-forward from the month;
  - o for each Option B region, the total volume of quota carried-back to the month, and
  - o for each Option B region, the total volume of the region's adjusted quota for the month (inclusive of all carry-back volume and exclusive of all carry-forward volume).

We also understand that U.S. Customs and Border Protection will require importers of Canadian softwood lumber to disclose: 1) the covered region or non-covered province from which each shipment is deemed to originate under the SLA 2006; and 2) for shipments from covered regions, the month for which the export permit is valid.

Sincerely,

The Honourable David L. Emerson, P.C., M.P.

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