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The Honourable Susan C. Schwab  
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Dear Ambassador Schwab:

I am pleased to receive your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between representatives of the United States of America and Canada regarding recipients of the funds to advance meritorious initiatives described in Article XIII(A)(2) of the SLA 2006.

The United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. shall receive US\$200 million, and the American Forest Foundation shall receive US\$150 million, to support meritorious initiatives in the United States related to: (1) educational and charitable causes in timber-reliant communities; and (2) educational and public-interest projects addressing forest management issues that affect timber-reliant communities, or the sustainability of forests as sources of building materials, wildlife habitat, bio-energy, recreation, and other values. The United States and Canada understand that these two organizations intend to place the funds in an endowment.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) shall receive US\$100 million to support meritorious initiatives in the United States related to low-income housing and disaster relief. The United States and Canada understand that this organization will leverage these funds and use the money primarily to purchase softwood lumber for the construction of 4,000 Habitat homes for low income families throughout the United States – with an emphasis on timber-reliant communities.

The Government of Canada shall appoint one Canadian individual for each of the three organizations who shall serve either as a non-voting member of the board of directors or advisor who shall be consulted with respect to the eventual disposition of the funds by those organizations.

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With respect to each of the identified organizations, such organization will not be eligible to receive its allocated share of the meritorious initiatives funds unless and until that organization complies with the terms of the *Understanding Between the United States and Canada Regarding the Criteria and Requirements Applicable to Organizations Eligible to Receive Funds to Advance Meritorious Initiatives in the United States* dated October 12, 2006.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force on this day.”

I have the honor to confirm that the understanding expressed in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our respective Governments, to enter into force on this day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. L. Emerson', written in a cursive style.

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