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Dear Premier McNeil;

Nova Scotians have heard you say your government needs to cut 'red tape'. Now's your chance.

The forest industry is vital to the economic growth of our province – but the 'red tape' your government continues to put in the way of economic growth for all industries needs to stop.

The latest example is the unreasonable Industrial Approval (IA) for Northern Pulp that will not allow that company to have a long term future. It puts our sawmills, contractors and the hundreds of businesses they support across this province in jeopardy too. It also puts the investments Nova Scotian woodlot owners have made in their forest resources into question.

And it all sits in the hands of your Environment Minister.

Our forest industry is a world leader in environmental and forest management when compared on a global scale. And we're raising the bar every day.

We want our forest industry to be held to those high standards, and all we ask for is a level playing field for our companies to operate on when compared to the provinces, states and countries where our competitors operate.

Our forest industry has been a vital part of our province's past and we're a bright, green key to its future too; as long as we work together to make that happen.

I ask you to help level the playing field and keep our businesses competitive as we strive to be world leaders in the forest industry and as a province.

Signature: _____

Printed name and address: _____

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