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Hi,

I am forwarding the panel this letter to help voice my concerns over the old growth debate that has been elevated in our province over the past couple of years. It appears that it has reached an all new level with now a two person panel touring the province to gather information and hear concerns from many people and parties with varying agendas.

The working forest is not just made of areas of vast logging and degradation as many people believe or pictures painted by extreme environmentalists. The working forest is a balance a sustainable harvest with a blend of the forest land base from all ages. Biodiversity is key to manage all aspects from micro-organisms, plants, fish, animals and even communities, schools, hospitals and families. All of these must be considered and managed not just one alone. This is what is practiced with harvesting of all ages of timber with sustainable forest management. A large component of the working forest is comprised of old growth timber that is constrained or being protected for other values i.e.: Riparian reserves, Old Growth Management Areas(OGMA), Wildlife habitat areas, Big trees and many more.

One must take into consideration that the management of our crown forests in BC have been managed by forest professional for many years, governed by legislation based on science. It would be a shame to see the downfall of the forest industry with a ban on old growth logging. The impacts to forest industry in British Columbia has been a huge driver of our economy and helped build and sustain many communities.

I am a third generation forestry worker, that lives within the working forest, I am proud to say I am also an environmentalist in the fact I take great pride in practicing sustainable forest management working, hunting and living on Northern Vancouver Island. Old Growth is a key component to our province and must continue to be harvested on a sustainable basis to permit all these balances I have spoken too.

Sincerely,

Brad Galeazzi