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Bill Mauro, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan

Via email: bmauro.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Dear Mr. Mauro:

BILL 61: ONTARIO'S WOOD FIRST ACT, 2012

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is pleased to provide this letter of support for your Private Member's Bill, Ontario's Wood First Act, 2012.

NOMA has long been an active and outspoken advocate for the increased use of wood as indicated by the passage of resolution 2011-6 "Use of wood in mid-rise construction – changes to the Ontario Building Code" at our Annual meeting in April 2011 which reads as follows:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association express to the Government of Ontario its full support of the proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code regarding the use of wood in mid-rise construction and urge that the proposed changes be included in the Ontario Building Code effective January 1, 2012."

We thank you for your ongoing support of the forest industry in Ontario and we offer our full and unreserved support to this legislation, which we trust will be unanimously supported by members of the Ontario Legislature.

Sincerely,

Ron Nelson President

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c. All Members of the Ontario Legislature