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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

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NAHB and its members have experienced over the course of this year. When
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enough containers to move goods and not enough trucks to move the containers once off-loaded at the ports. Accordingly, we respectfully request that these efforts continue to ease continued backlogs throughout the supply chain.

Third, the impending November decision from the Commerce Department concluding its administrative review of tariffs on softwood lumber imports from Canada will do nothing but exacerbate these issues. Projections are that these tariffs could double again, which is extremely troubling given constraints experienced in the lumber supply chain coupled with the extremely high lumber prices we have experienced this year; prices which are once again on the rise. While we have been watching these developments carefully and appreciate Commerce Secretary Raimondo's attention to NAHB's concerns about supply and price volatility, home builders (representing the American housing consumer) are not an "interested party" and barred from the proceedings. Without a voice, we have little recourse but to reach out to you and urge once again that the U.S. work with Canada to implement a long-term solution to the U.S.-Canada softwood lumber dispute.

Housing demand remains strong and residential construction is projected to remain at its current pace through 2023. For these reasons, NAHB remains committed to doing its part to ensure housing remains a key component of American socio-economic opportunity, creating jobs and ensuring the U.S. economy continues to move forward. However, we cannot do this without your assistance on the continuing lumber and supply chain crises. In addition, we respectfully ask that you direct U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai to return to the negotiating table with Canada to develop a new softwood lumber agreement. Ending softwood lumber tariffs once and for all would be a significant step forward in addressing the longest trade dispute in U.S. history.

Thank you for your consideration of these urgent matters. NAHB and its senior leadership remain ready to work with you to strengthen America's continued economic recovery. Please contact Jim Tobin, NAHB Executive Vice President for Government Affairs, (202) 744-3520 or jtobin@nahb.org if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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Secretary Marcia Fudge
Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary Peter Buttigieg
Ambassador Katherine Tai