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The Honorable Mike McGuire
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB-1453 (McGuire) Statues of Limitations – Forest Practice Act (As Amended April 11, 2018)
Support

Dear Senator McGuire:

The California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) is pleased to see the recent amendments made to SB-1453. The intent of the bill has always seemed clear. It was to prevent illegal conversion of timberland to non-timber uses. This is a major problem faced by those in your district, and the majority of stakeholders concerned with California's forest lands. Illegal conversions, and illegal activities on timberlands, have become so commonplace that CAL FIRE has been unable to address those violations within the time constraint of a single year.

We are very much aware of your work with California Forestry Association (CFA) on this issue. CLFA would like to acknowledge and commend your flexibility and responsiveness to the concerns of those in the forestry sector. We feel that the bill, as amended, will greatly aid CAL FIRE's ability to enforce the intent of the Forest Practice Act by focusing the scope of their efforts on the blatantly illegal activities that currently degrade our forests and ecosystems.

It is for these reasons that the California Licensed Foresters Association SUPPORT SB-1453.

Sincerely,

Kieran O'Leary
President
California Licensed Foresters Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K O'Leary".

cc: Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

CLFA was formed by Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) in 1980. The Association represents Industrial, Consulting, Academic and Public foresters working together for the common cause of enhancing the role of the Professional Forester in California.