



Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
12/26/17  
Governor of New York State  
Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Private forest landowners in New York State have been waiting patiently for your Empire Forest for the Future to become a reality. Your program provides revisions to current law that would provide reimbursements to taxing jurisdictions to support 480a and a new 480b. Additionally, the grant programs and purchase preference for New York forest products would be a great step forward.

These efforts were recently reinforced by a letter sent to you by key leaders in the NYS Senate. The Adirondack Landowners supports and endorses the letter sent by Senators; Little, Griffo, Ritchie, O'Mara, Marchione and Akshar. **Furthermore, we ask that you make the adoption of the EFF program a legislative and budget priority for 2018-19.**

The privately-owned forest lands in New York provide incredible economic and environmental value to all residents of our state. It is time for the public to make an investment in private stewardship...our forests, our economy and our environment will be better off for it.

The Adirondack Landowners Association, welcomes the opportunity to work with you, your staff and the legislature, to make the working forests of New York the best in the nation.

Sincerely,

*Tom Williams*

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cc: Senators; Little, Griffo, Ritchie, O'Mara, Marchione and Akshar  
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