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Mover: UMNB Board of Directors

Subject: Softwood Lumber

Whereas the softwood lumber industry depends upon fair trade export of its product to the United States Market; and

Whereas the recent decision of the US Department of Commerce to impose a countervailing duty on imports of softwood lumber from Canada jeopardizes the vitality of this industry; and

Whereas many Atlantic Canadian communities depend on a vibrant softwood lumber industry;

Whereas for the past 35 years market conditions which continue to this day warranted an exemption from import duties on softwood lumber product from Atlantic Canada;

Be it resolved that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick urgently request that the Government of Canada make every effort to reach a negotiated agreement with the United States government that includes the "Maritime Exemption" which applies to all Atlantic Canadian producers of softwood lumber.
