

The Michigan Association of Timbermen

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Dear Committee Members,

We strongly urge you to vote NO on the elimination of foresters from the Michigan Occupational Codes, per SB 481.

The professional foresters of Michigan must maintain their credentialing process beginning with the State of Michigan recognizing them as a professional occupation. Most foresters in Michigan achieve a higher standard of credentials and all of those are based off the first rank and that is having a state recognized occupation.

Without this designation in Michigan, all other credentialed programs for foresters are null and void. This also provides ZERO professional standing for all educated and trained foresters in Michigan that are working beyond the scope of their occupational code and achieving the higher accredited programs each year such as registered forester and certified forester.

The Michigan Association of Timbermen hopes you will vote NO on SB481 that removes foresters from the Michigan Occupational Code.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brenda Owen, Executive Director

