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**Allow for Youth Careers in Logging**

*Become Original Co-Sponsor of the Future Logging Careers Act*

Dear Colleague:

I invite you to become an original cosponsor of the *Future Logging Careers Act*. This bill will ensure the long term health of the logging industry and support the entrance of youth into this vital economic sector of our country.

Like farming and ranching, the timber harvesting profession is often a family run business where the practice and techniques of harvesting and transporting forest products from the forest to receiving mills is passed down from generation to generation. Timber harvesting operations are similar to family farms with sophisticated and expensive harvesting equipment that requires young men and women to learn how to run the business, including equipment operation and maintenance, prior to the age of eighteen.

The agriculture industry enjoys regulatory exemptions that permit family members between the ages of sixteen and seventeen to participate and learn the operations of the family business under the direction and supervision of their parents. However, young men and women in families who own and operate timber harvesting companies are denied the opportunity to work and learn the family trade until the age of eighteen. This bill amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to allow for sixteen and seventeen year olds in mechanized logging operations to work in the business under parental supervision.

The *Future Logging Careers Act* would ensure the next generation of mechanical timber harvesters can gain on-the-ground safety training and experience under the close supervision of their parents. For more information or to cosponsor, please contact Brad Griff in my office at 5-6611 or [Brad.Griff@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brad.Griff@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raúl R. Labrador".

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