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I have some thoughts, whenever you would like to discuss. Thanks.

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From: Patel, Swati  
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To: Soura, Christian  
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Can you take a look at this initiative and let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

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Swati – attached please find the executive order from GA that we discussed earlier today. I have also attached a recent executive order from Maine on this same subject. The South Carolina Forestry Association is working with the State Forester on requiring State Government to recognize all forest certification standards when Green Building rating systems are used in the construction or renovations of state buildings (such as Sustainable Forestry Initiative, American Tree Farm System, and Endorsement of Forest Certifications systems) and not just one rating system (such as the Forest Stewardship Council system).

For example, Gov. Deal's executive order requires the recognition of SFI and ATFS forest certification systems in state building, and not just the FSC standards.

If at all possible, it would be great if Gov. Haley could sign an executive order containing the following language:

*When the design, construction, operation and maintenance of any new or expanded state building incorporates "Green Building" standards it shall give certification credits equally to forest products grown, manufactured, and certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the American Tree Farm System and the Forest Stewardship Council.*

The language is slightly different from the Georgia Executive Order to avoid requiring Green Building standards to be used in state buildings; rather, when such standards are used, the SFI, ATFS, and FSC systems shall receive equal certification credits. An executive order with this language would be a tremendous economic and business benefit to the timber and forest industry businesses in SC.

I talked to Tim about this earlier this week, and he was supportive, but he wanted to make sure that this wasn't a "buy SC" preference that might hurt our forest industry businesses in competing in other states. This is to confirm that this is not a "buy SC" preference, but without an executive order the failure to recognize SFI and ATFS certification would eliminate almost any possibility of wood being used from our state.

After you have a chance to review this information, please give me a call to discuss going forward. Thanks very much, and have a great weekend.

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