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CFO has been working to strengthen the health and economic prosperity of Canada's renewable private forestland resource from coast to coast, and in a large part your membership has made this possible. Members are directly involved in developing and communicating CFO positions and have helped us establish the association as an important part of the solution to the challenges our sector faces and to Canada's climate goals.

We have visited Ottawa in June and November for face-to-face meetings with federal MPs, senators, deputy ministers, directors and political advisors to talk about the important role private forest owners play in helping Canada meet its climate change targets. The reach of CFO was extensive, focusing on key areas which included:

- our partnership with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to help plant 2 billion trees, highlighting the need to streamline the 2 Billion Trees Program, accelerate the disbursement of funds to ensure predictability of reforestation work and expand the acceptance criteria;
- concerns related to the amendment to the Migratory Birds Regulations, which identifies in Schedule 1 certain species of migratory birds whose nests are permanently protected, especially the Pileated Woodpecker, is already having an impact and could seriously hamper forestry activities on private land;
- interest in the implementation of a Personal Silviculture Savings and Investment Plan, or the averaging of income from the sale of wood at the federal level in order to correct the tax inequity suffered by forestry producers; among others.

To continue the progress we have made, CFO has consulted with its members about an increase in membership dues, which will come into effect in January. Your CFO membership dues invoice will be distributed via QuickBooks in early January.

We are also reaching out to potential new members and appreciate your assistance in connecting with them peer-to-peer to highlight firsthand the value of membership. Please contact Jean-Pierre or me directly if you can offer any further support in this area.

Please be assured CFO's board continues to strive to keep running the organization efficiently. We want to thank you for the valuable input you have provided, which has helped shape CFO's vision and goals, and our commitment to sustainable forests management for a healthy climate and thriving communities.