Petition in Support of the Prince Albert Forestry Industry and Workers

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly showeth:

That in October of 2005, Weyerhaeuser announced that it would be closing the Prince Albert Pulp Mill, directly affecting 690 workers and impacting thousands of other workers and families throughout the Prince Albert region, and;

That in September of 2007 the Provincial Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Domtar to re-open the Prince Albert Pulp Mill and Wapawekka sawmill, and;

That Premier Brad Wall has said he would work with Domtar to try and re-open the mill saying, quote, "*We believe in the future of that particular facility, we believe in the forestry sector*" and;

That the Sask Party Cabinet Minister for Prince Albert, Darryl Hickie stated that reopening the local mill was an important issue, and that he was, quote "*hopeful that negotiations will begin soon with Domtar*", and;

That on November of 2007 the new Saskatchewan Provincial Government notified Domtar that they would not proceed with the agreement, a decision that Domtar said, quote "*diminished any chances of successfully getting this pulp mill up and operating again.*"

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to reopening negotiations with Domtar based on the already negotiated Memorandum of Understanding so as to see a viable pulp and paper mill continue in Prince Albert;

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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