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Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2009 9:36 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CON)
Subject: Tembec Enterprises Inc. File# 4572.00

Dear Ms. Dagdick,

I find it worrisome to know that Tembec has submitted a Twenty Year Forest Stewardship Plan and an associated Environmental Impact Statement to Manitoba Conservation. The timing of this matter is precisely the same as the current state of affairs of this corporation in Pine Falls, MB. As you are likely already aware, Tembec's future with the paper mill in Pine Falls appears cloudy at best. The company has locked out its employees and the two sides are at opposite ends of the spectrum.

I would suggest that we, as a province should move cautiously on this matter before handing over the rights to continued forestry operations and fulfilling Tembec's request by keeping their options open, at least in this area of Manitoba for the next twenty years.

I would hope that the welfare of people and nature would be included in The Environment Act, because if Tembec ceases operations at the pulp mill in Pine Falls and we give Tembec the rights to our forests for the next twenty years, our natural resource will be stripped and shipped out of province for others to profit by, and here back home in Manitoba people whose livelihood was made from the forest is lost and any value added Manitoba benefit is questionable. Plus, what about the approximately ten million dollars that was one of outgoing premier Gary Doer's last orders of business by setting up a fund to protect this rare remaining boreal forest area by designating it with Heritage status. I suspect that for Manitoba there is more chance for loss than gain. That's when as a business we say I'm out. But Tembec wants to stay in because they have a much higher chance for gains from our losses.

Let's measure twice or maybe three times before we cut all the trees down and give it all away for nothing to a large corporation. The current state of affairs in our economy right now are due to some of the practices of big business, so let's not give another one a free lunch.

Sincerely,

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