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To the Commission on Act 250;

My family and I have been logging and trucking forest products for 45 years (3 generations). We hire 18 full time people. We sell to 30 businesses/companies in a 50-mile radius.

November 30, 2015 after 24 years of creating wood chips in my yard one neighbor objected and triggered act 250 review of operations.

To Complete our Act 250 Application, we had to hire Lawyers, Engineers, and Consultants for:

- Air Quality
- Dust Observations and Tests
- Sound Observations, Tests & Measurements
- Stormwater Management
- Agricultural Soils Review
- Historic Preservation (including Native American Exploring)
- Applied, paid fees for and received 7 permits regarding vehicle access, storm water, storm drains etc.

The total cost for Lawyers, Engineers, and Consultants was \$77,970.86.

Additionally, our own employees and equipment constructed a berm and planted trees, prepared the land, built a new building and moved the screening operation (to reduce noise and dust).

- Moving Screen Operation (move building; pour cement) - \$30,000
- Building the Mound (size 200 Ft X 100 Ft X 40 Ft) with excavator, bulldozer and trucks - \$55,000

10 acres of prime agricultural soil mitigation valued at \$50,000.

The total to our operation for permit and compliance was \$212,970.86

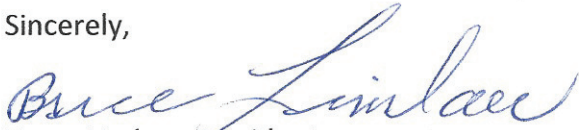
Due to what this cost us it adds significant expense to the wood chips we sell to heat Vermont Schools and Businesses. It would appear that the over bearing persistence of increased act 250 regulations will leave rural Vermont as a nearly impossible place for working lands to remain economically viable.

Our family and operation have been innovative and practiced good forestry and take pride in what we do. We are unable to compete with out of state supplies for this product when we bid on contracts because they do not have this kind of expense build into their cost.

We are one of the larger employers in this rural area and unfortunately due to this cost and new break-even price for us to produce wood chips we are losing contracts and have had to eliminate 6 full-time positions from our business which means 6 less families with local jobs producing local energy products from our local forest land owners.

I respectfully ask that you consider changes to the Act 250 permitting that will allow businesses like ours to prosper instead of suffer economic instability when we have many of the same goals and operations like ours are critical in helping achieving.

Sincerely,



Bruce Limlaw, President
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