

THE FRIENDS OF FORESTRY PAC NEEDS YOUR HELP TODAY!

My name is Charles Jones and I am the current chair of the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee (FFPAC). I am business man, forestland owner, certified Tree Farmer, and a NCFA member. Through my experience over the years, I have come to understand the importance of being involved in the political process at the local and state level.

I have also learned that many of my peers do not understand how what goes on in Raleigh at the North Carolina General Assembly can impact their private property rights, their ability to market their forest products, and how they manage their forests for future generations.

Let me just say, **WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.**

At this time, I would like to ask every member of the NCFA to make a contribution to the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee (FFPAC). We have over 3,800 members in the association plus another 1,000 Tree Farmers who benefit from the day-to-day efforts of the NCFA with the members of the North Carolina General Assembly. We need every member to donate at some level. It is critical that our FFPAC generate the needed resources to build legislative support on forestry.

We all understand and acknowledge that this upcoming election will be extremely important for the future of our state and our nation. *If you have never support the FFPAC, this is the year to do so.*

North Carolina has become more urban in the last few years with 51 percent of the North Carolina General Assembly now coming from just 14 of the 100 counties. Many of these officials do not make the connection of how important the environment is to the forest products community and what a positive impact forests and our forest products industry have on the environment.

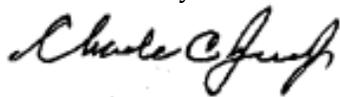
It is also estimated that after this year's November election, over 50 percent of the General Assembly will be either first or second term legislators. This is new territory for our governing body. A large number of the newly elected legislators will be from areas that do not understand forestry or what is involved in growing trees and marketing our forest products.

Next year, we need their support as well as the support of old friends that we have made in the General Assembly to maintain the legislative gains we have achieved in the past such as the "Right to Practice Forestry" legislation in 2005.

Like it or not, it is a very expensive process to get elected to the North Carolina General Assembly. The average campaign cost to win a seat in the House is \$78,520 and the average Senate campaign cost climbs to \$167,713. Funds we raise for the FFPAC will support candidates that will support forestry. There are several motivated groups in our state that would like to push legislation that could change the way we practice forestry in North Carolina. We need your support to make sure this does not happen. All the money raised to the FFPAC supports the future of forestry in North Carolina.

It does not matter if you are a forest landowner, a consulting forester, a logger, sawmill operator or an employee of any forest products company, your participation in our FFPAC is important. We need to ensure that we protect our right to practice forestry and own private forests into the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



(l-r) NCFA Member Allen Plaster, Senator Harry Brown, and NCFA member Charles Jones pose for a photo during Forestry Day in the Legislature.

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