Dear Friends:

You are invited to attend one of two important **logging and construction industry strategy gatherings** hosted by Milton CAT and Senator Brad Farrin over the next several weeks. The first will be at our Brewer, Maine facility on Thursday, November 16th from 5:30 to 7:00PM and the second will be on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 to 7:00PM at our Scarborough, Maine facility. Join Senator Farrin and industry leaders from around the state to plan a path forward before the opening of the next legislative session.

The 131st Maine Legislature adjourned a couple months ago. It was a very active session with consideration of over 2,000 bills: the second highest total in legislative history.

One of the most significant bills considered and passed this past session was LD 259, which included a key amendment, introduced by Senator Brad Farrin, <u>providing permanent funding for highways and bridges across Maine</u>. In what many consider a historic moment, Senator Farrin's amendment moved transportation funding beyond the short-term and often reactive state funding process to a dedicated sustainable permanent statutory funding model.

Senator Farrin's leadership on this issue in the Transportation Committee lead to bipartisan support within the committee and across the entire legislature to pass this important funding legislation.

There is much more that needs to be done to protect Maine's prosperity and advance the lives of its citizens which is why Senator Farrin wants to meet with you and hear your ideas for capitalizing on the positive momentum from the transportation funding bill.

Please join us and others in supporting Senator Farrin's efforts to support the **growth of the forestry industry and advance the state of roads and bridges across the state** (invitation attached). Please RSVP you plan to attend to Heather Priest at <u>hezjrp@gmail.com</u> or 207-458-5980. Also, feel free to forward this invitation to others who might be interested in attending.

Should you be unable to attend but still want to help, you can contribute to **On the Road to Maine's Future,** the leadership PAC devoted to fighting for conservative values in Maine state government. Your contribution can be made by check to **On the Road to Maine's Future PAC**, Heather Priest, Treasurer, P. O. Box 1, Augusta, Maine 04332

Thank you and we hope to see you at one of these important meetings,

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