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## Testimony in Support of Sarah Medina's Nomination to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

February 18, 2021

**Patrick Strauch, Executive Director**

Senator Carney, Representative Harnett, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Patrick Strauch, executive director of the Maine Forest Products Council. I am here today to strongly support the nomination of Sarah Medina to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC).

Sarah has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to Maine's natural environment both personally and throughout her career as a forester. You have the five-page questionnaire she filled out for this nomination, so you may wonder how one person could engage in so many different kinds of community service, while still doing such excellent work for Seven Islands Land Co., and as Maine's forest community. All of us who admire and respect Sarah have wondered the same, but to her, service to her profession, her community and her state is a given. She certainly doesn't do it for the fanfare.

I noticed in the questionnaire, for example, that she didn't even mention she was the first woman to graduate from the University of Maine's forestry school and since then has served on UMaine curriculum and accreditation committees and its Forest Resource Advisory Committee. She also participates in classroom settings, helping inspire other women to pursue the profession and she is mentor to many.

Sarah's integrity is recognized by her co-workers and by the Land Use Planning Commission members, where she is often asked by commissioners to clarify complicated land use policy issues.

Sarah has a long track record of working with different people to find common ground. She does that by assembling a wealth of background information. She not only understands, but can explain complex issues, which helps calm things down before disagreements become divisions.

We highly recommend Sarah for this important appointment.