

# Support Green Building Construction and Forest Sustainability

## Cosponsor the Timber Innovation Act

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We invite you to cosponsor bipartisan legislation that boosts research and innovation while supporting rural economies, sustainable forest management, and the environment.

The Timber Innovation Act would spur the use of tall wood building construction (above 85 feet or about seven stories or more) through the use of less expensive and less carbon-intensive building materials, like cross-laminated timber (CLT). While wood has been used as a building material for centuries, through modern advancements, buildings can now be constructed with wood products that are more flexible, less flammable, and sturdier than ever before.

Specifically, the legislation would:

- Establish a new performance driven research and development program advancing tall wood building construction in the United States;
- Authorize the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) popular [Tall Wood Building Prize Competition](#) for the next five years;
- Create federal grants to support state, local, tribal, university and private sector education, outreach, and research and development to accelerate the use of wood in tall buildings;
- Incentivize the retrofitting of existing facilities located in areas with high unemployment rates; and
- Authorize technical assistance for USDA, in cooperation with qualified state officials, to implement technical assistance and education when utilizing mass timber products.

Advancing tall wood building construction through the Timber Innovation Act will support working families and the environment. This legislation supports rural communities who have traditionally been supported by mill operations by opening up new markets, and will also promote healthier forests through sustainable, responsible management that supports wildlife habitats. Finally, using green building materials instead of building materials dependent on fossil fuels reduces greenhouse gasses and supports a cleaner, healthier environment.

For more information or to become a cosponsor of the bill, please contact Ben Barasky at [ben.barasky@mail.house.gov](mailto:ben.barasky@mail.house.gov) or (202) 225-6311.

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