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WRLA Applauds Election Commitment of a New Home Renovation Tax Credit

September 30, 2020, WINNIPEG, MB – The Western Retail Lumber Association Inc. (WRLA) commends the Saskatchewan Party’s election commitment regarding a home renovation tax credit.

“From the beginning of the pandemic, the WRLA has been advocating for renovation and eco-retrofit tax credits as a strategic way to support economic recovery. We are very pleased that the government listened to our requests and are supporting our proposal,” says Liz Kovach, WRLA president “Should the Saskatchewan Party be re-elected, we look forward to further collaboration on the implementation of this tax credit.”

Over the course of the pandemic, the WRLA had been providing proposals to government along with back-up data that illustrates the economic impact the lumber and building materials industry has and the importance of implementing tax credit programs to support economic recovery. “Premier Moe, in response to our proposal, in April had stated their government is committed to supporting Saskatchewan businesses and this election promise confirms that commitment,” says Kovach.

The building supply industry is an \$80+ billion industry that directly employs over 262,000 Canadians. The industry brings a multitude of economic benefits, jobs and investment to the provinces and country. It enables the work of other Canadian businesses, such as developers and builders, small contractors, and do-it yourselfers.

WRLA represents 1,200 member firms in the building supply industry across Western Canada, including hardware stores, manufacturers, suppliers, and lumberyards.

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