

The Hardwood  
Industry's Voice in  
Washington, DC

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HARDWOOD  
FEDERATION



# Our Members – *33 Strong*

**Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group**  
**American Hardwood Export Council**  
**Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Inc.**  
**Appalachian Lumbermen's Club**  
**Associated Cooperage Industries of America**  
**Decorative Hardwood Association**  
**Empire State Forest Products Association**  
**Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association**  
**Hardwood Manufacturers Association**  
**Indiana Hardwood Lumber Association**  
**Kentucky Forest Industry Association**  
**Lake States Lumber Association**  
**Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association**  
**Missouri Forest Products Association**  
**National Hardwood Lumber Association**  
**National Wood Flooring Association**  
**National Woodland Owners Association**

**New England Lumbermen's Association**  
**North Carolina Forestry Association**  
**Northeast Loggers Association**  
**Ohio Forestry Association**  
**Pacific Coast Wholesale Hardwood Distributors**  
**Pennsylvania Forest Products Association**  
**Penn-York Lumbermen's Club**  
**Railway Tie Association**  
**Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association**  
**Southwestern Hardwood Manufacturers Club**  
**Tennessee Forestry Association**  
**Virginia Forest Products Association**  
**West Virginia Forestry Association**  
**Western Hardwood Association**  
**Westside Hardwood Club**  
**Wood Component Manufacturers Association**

# The Hardwood Federation Charge





# Political Environment

**Unpredictable White House**

**“Flood the Field” Strategy =  
Confusion**

**Reduced & Paralyzed Federal  
Employees**

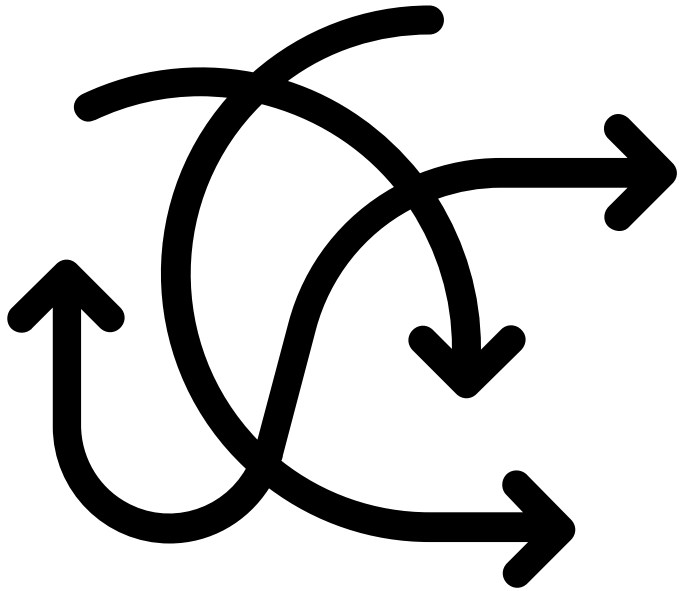
**Congressional Tension and Tight  
Margins**

**Uncertainty**



NOTHING Is  
Easy in 2025

**Passing  
Legislation of Any  
Kind Faces  
Challenges**



# Hardwood Federation Priorities 2025

## Farm Bill

✓ MAP/FMD Funding for Export Promotion

Wood Innovation Grants

Funding for Renewable Heat & Power

Jobs in the Woods Act

## Tax

✓ Restore 100% Depreciation

✓ Extending 20% Tax Deduction for S-Corps

✓ Full Deduction of Interest Expense

✓ Estate Tax

✓ R&D Tax Credits

## Regulatory Reform

✓ OSHA Heat Rules

✓ Old Growth Forests

➤ NEPA

➤ ESA

➤ Forest Management



# Trade: The Elephant in the Room

## **Hardwood Federation Concerns**

**Chaotic Nature of Tariff Process**

**Admin Confusion About Wood Industry**

**E.U. Deforestation Regulation**

**232 Investigation Product Specific Tariffs  
(Steel, Aluminum, Lumber, etc.)**

**How to Protect U.S. Hardwood Export  
Markets**

**How to Provide Relief from Retaliatory  
Action**



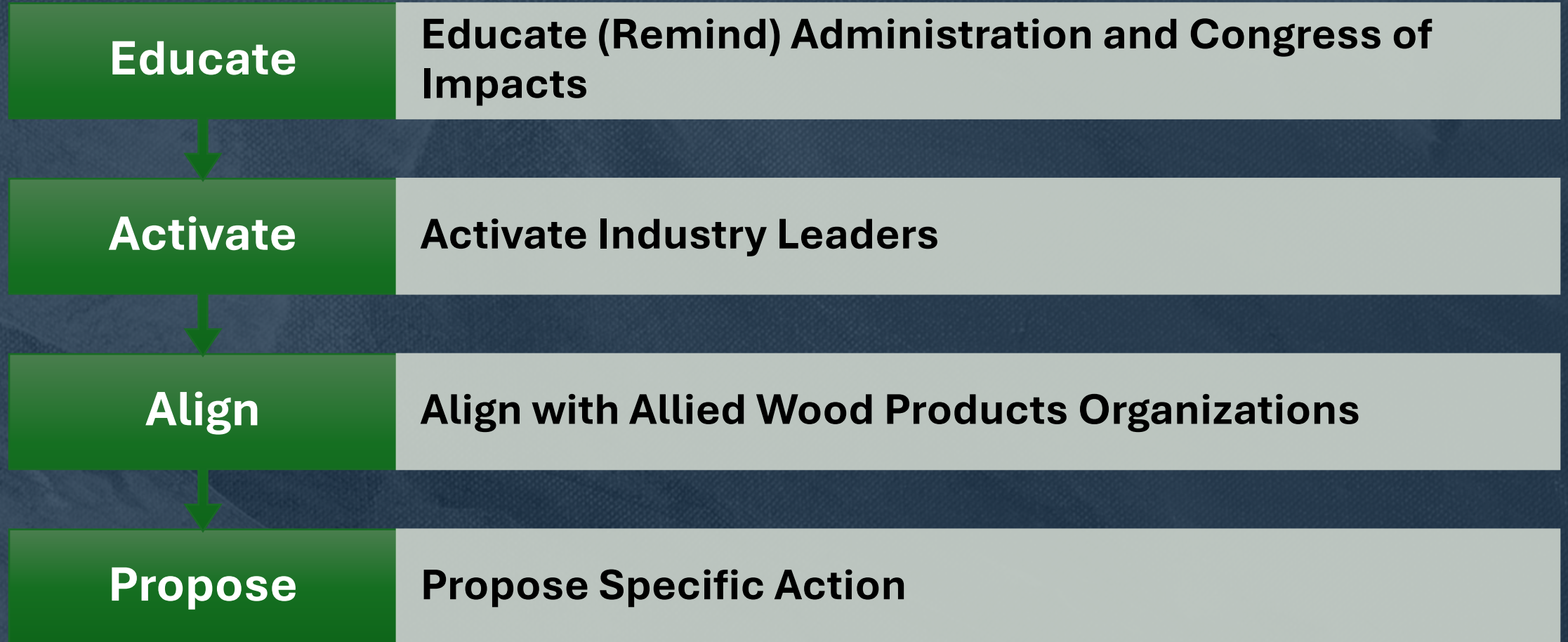


# Taking Action

- **Sharing our experience and our concerns – Early!**
- **Developing a SOLUTION – Not just complaints.**
- **Bringing on Additional Resources**
- **Continuing Admin Outreach – White House, USTR, Commerce, USDA**
- **Congressional Letter to Administration – Help Us Help You!**
- **Mill Tour Invites**
- **Upgraded Collateral Materials – Micro Website**
- **Continued Momentum**



# Hardwood Federation Strategies



# Looking Forward – Fall 2025



## **FY 2026 Budget**

**Continuing Resolution?**

**Government Shutdown?**



## **Farm Bill**

**Community Wood Energy**

**Wood Innovation Grants**

**Forest Inventory & Analysis**

**Jobs in the Woods**

**Carbon Neutrality**



## **Highway Bill**

**Increased Truck Weights**

# We Need YOUR Help

01

**Respond to  
Action Alerts  
and Requests**

02

**Educate Your  
Elected  
Officials at  
Your Facility**

03

**Support HF**

**\*Be A Member**

**\*Corporate Fund**

**\*PAC Dollars**



# Resources

- Issue Background and Talking Points
- Company Tour How-To Manual
- Industry Economic Impact
- Newsletters and Cheat Sheets
- [www.hardwoodfederation.com](http://www.hardwoodfederation.com)





## The Hardwood Federation...Why?

“If you’re not at the table, you’re probably on the menu.”



# Questions

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