

# Softwood Lumber

**Tariffs on Canadian Softwood Lumber make life for Americans more expensive.**

*The United States imposes unjustified tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber. At a time of rising inflation and supply chain challenges, tariffs further drive up the cost of housing and punish American homebuyers.*

## CANADIAN LUMBER MAKES U.S. HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

The American Dream is built with Canadian lumber. That's because the **U.S. lumber industry produces only 70% of what is needed every year to build American homes**. Canadian lumber makes up **80% of the shortfall**. Tariffs increase lumber prices and add thousands of dollars to the price of a single-family home.

**Tariffs** → **Higher lumber prices** → **Fewer homes built/renovated** → **Higher home prices & fewer American jobs**



U.S. housing is more expensive than ever: in 2024, the **median home sale price was over \$420,300**. Action is needed to make housing affordable and accessible. Removing duties on Canadian softwood lumber would be a good start.

**Tariffs hurt Americans across the country**, and, in the past, Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have called for an end to duties on Canadian lumber.

The National Association of Home Builders encourages **eliminating tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber** and negotiating a new agreement with Canada.

## SOURCE LUMBER FROM SECURE AND RELIABLE CANADA

Canada does not subsidize its softwood lumber industry. It does not sell lumber below market value. Expert international panels have found repeatedly that Canada's long-standing approach to softwood lumber is fair. Canada's forest management legislation is one of the world's strictest and Canadian forests are among the world's most sustainable. As a close partner of the United States, **Canada is a stable source of vital goods for the American economy, such as lumber**.

## GETTING BACK TO STABILITY

Even during times of crisis, Canadian lumber can be counted on to support U.S. construction and homebuilding. **Everyone benefits from a predictable and stable softwood lumber trade**. From 2006 to 2015, we had that. The United States and Canada had an agreement to stabilize trade in softwood lumber, which supported U.S. construction and homebuilding. **American workers and homebuyers need that again.**

**LUMBER TARIFFS ARE A TAX ON AMERICAN HOMES.  
LET'S PLANT THE SEEDS FOR A MORE SECURE FUTURE.**

Canada is ready to work toward a negotiated solution on softwood lumber.