



OPPOSE Scott-Golden Amendment 1673 “Mass Timber Pilot Program”

The aggregate, cement and concrete industries strongly oppose the Scott-Golden Amendment 1673 to the FY2023 NDAA to establish a Mass Timber Pilot Program. This is not a pilot program to test new materials; it is a promotional effort to establish a taxpayer-funded sweetheart building program for mass timber to gain a competitive advantage over other construction materials.

DoD already builds with mass timber. The FY2021 NDAA required a report on the use of mass timber in military construction, a provision applauded by the wood industry.¹ On July 28, 2021, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment issued a report.² It found:

- DoD currently has five mass timber buildings with 389,376 total square footage built or under construction (p.3, 5)
- DoD was an early adopter of mass timber (p.3)
- DoD led the industry by producing guide specifications for mass timber (p.1)
- DoD is still pursuing mass timber as a potential building material (p.3)
- There are no DoD policies or standards that prohibit the use of mass timber (p.1)

There is no need for a “pilot program” to introduce mass timber to DoD construction.

Mass timber was included in the FY22 Sustainable Building Materials pilot program. The FY2022 NDAA established a Pilot Program to Increase the Use of Sustainable Building Materials in Military Construction. The definition of “sustainable building material” included the term “mass timber.” PL 117-81, Sec. 2861.³

The Committee should allow the Sustainable Materials Pilot to play out before establishing new construction materials pilots.

The FY2023 Readiness Mark report language requests a briefing from the Secretary of the Army on the Sustainable building Materials pilot program by the end of the 2022 calendar year. Further, the Readiness Mark requires a study completed by a FFRDC on practices with respect to how sustainable materials, such as mass timber and low carbon concrete, are assessed and included in planning.

OPPOSE Scott-Golden amendment to establish a Mass Timber Pilot Program. For more information, including industry presence in your Congressional district, please contact:

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¹ <https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/woodworking-industry-news/american-wood-council-applauds-mass-timber-provisions-ndaa>

² <https://denix.osd.mil/sustainability/successstories/buildings/dod-report-to-congress/>

³ <https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ81/PLAW-117publ81.pdf>