## **U.S. PAPER & PACKAGING MANUFACTURERS** DELIVER AMERICAN INDUSTRY

The U.S. forest products industry **employs more than 925,000 people**, largely in rural America, and is among the **top 10 manufacturing sector employers in 44 states**. To manufacture essential products, **we rely on complex, cross-border supply chains** that have been built around existing mill infrastructure for decades.

AF&PA members source from **SUSTAINABLY MANAGED WORKING FORESTS** that plant and replant trees to continue the cycle of growing. **3 PULP AND PAPER MILLS** produce paper and packaging. Collectively AF&PA's membership makes about 87% of the pulp, paper, paper-based packaging and tissue products made in the USA.

> Recycled paper and packaging is COLLECTED AND SORTED for reuse in manufacturing. About 80% of U.S. paper mills use some recycled paper to make new products.

4 **CONVERTING PLANTS** turn paper and packaging into products. Throughout the manufacturing process, our products can **CROSS THE BORDER MULTIPLE TIMES** before they are delivered to consumers.

Our products are

made using **RESIDUALS** 

FROM SAWMILLS like

wood chips and saw dust.

5 Brands and retailers use PAPER AND PACKAGING to deliver goods and communicate to consumers. Our products are widely used for food packaging, paperboard holds medicine and cardboard boxes are a critical component of the North American supply chain. <sup>6</sup> RECYCLED PAPER AND PACKAGING is collected from retailers, distributors, homes, schools and businesses to be remade into new paper products.