

Dear Senator Baucus,

Thank you for proposing legislation to end the black liquor loophole for tax credit. This loophole needs to be closed for two reasons. First, as I understand the original legislation, the intent was to decrease the use of fossil fuels by encouraging the use of alternative fuels. Adding fossil fuels to biofuels is clearly turning this idea upside down by providing tax credits for increasing the use of fossil fuels. Secondly, as a resident of Northern Arizona who's family relies on income from Catalyst Paper, I find it very disturbing to think that a facility that uses 100% recycled products and has an excellent track record for being environmentally friendly could potentially be closed due to this blatant misuse of taxpayer money. The closure of the Catalyst Paper facility would be devastating to many individual families and the communities of the White Mountains of Arizona.

Sincerely,  
Darla Austerman