

I strongly encourage removing the subsidies for pulp and paper companies which burn black liquor, as it creates an unfair competitive disadvantage for paper recycling plants who have “gone green” and do not have black liquor to burn. Because of the government subsidy, the plants burning black liquor are able to sell their products at a lower cost than the recyclers can produce it. This is a serious and immediate threat to the survival of the recycling plants. This impacts our company because one of the threatened mills is, and for twenty years has been, a good customer of ours. In a more important and bigger way, it impacts the lives and livelihoods of the employees of those threatened businesses, the American paper industry, and the economic health of this country. This is not a free market problem – it is one created by government, and it must be repaired by removing the government subsidy that creates the unfair advantage / disadvantage.

Respectfully,

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