

It is my understanding that you are working on an alternative fuel provision that would eliminate the tax benefit for the Paper Industry for burning Black Liquor.

I would like to understand how this is such a problem that needs to be "corrected"?

We have spent Billions of Tax Payer dollars (my hard earned wages paid for by the paper industry) to bail out General Motors, Chrysler Motor Company, and numerous banks and financial institutions.

The paper industry employs thousands of hard working employees who earn a good wage for the work they do. The industry has been under financial constraints for many years struggling to keep employees working in communities that typically survive on the tax base of the area paper mills.

I struggle with the concept that we can bail out numerous industries and/or business segments and not even consider "helping" the Pulp and Paper industry.

In the larger picture of funds spend by industry, the small amount provided to the Pulp and Paper industry is minimal but will go a very long way to helping the industry minimize additional downtime, shutdown and employment losses. We have already done so much to cut costs, curtail production to match demand, increase productivity on the remaining equipment and continue to work people harder and longer than every before. We are not asking for a bailout of any kind. We are only asking that you continue to provide the benefits that have been laid out for the rest of the 2009 year.

I look forward to the final outcome, but request that you look very hard at the reason why this is a "bad" option to keep employees working and spending money in the communities in which we live and support.

Thank you for your consideration.

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