

Sir/Madame Senator:

The alternative fuels clause of the 2005 transportation legislation, SAFETEA-LU, was intended to increase the use of ethanol and other biofuels in cars and trucks, but instead some *paper companies* (Boise Cascade for example) are ADDING diesel fuel to an organic waste called "black liquor" which they burn for energy resulting in an INCREASE in the use of fossil fuels. They then qualify as an "alternative fuel mixer" with the IRS, and the first companies starting receiving checks for millions of dollars this past month. And more funds are on the way, unless Congress takes action. Analysts reports estimate if this loophole is not closed, the companies could walk away with \$6-8 billion dollars by the end of the year and put many legitimate paper mills out of business.

There is a paper mill near Snowflake AZ (for another example) which recycles used paper in order to make their paper. It will be closed down and will put hundreds out of work in this small area that depends on the mill for its main industry. Boise Cascade and other larger paper mills which have unethically used this loophole in the alternative fuels legislation will put honest paper mill businesses out of work because with the ill-gotten government financial help, they can then sell paper for less than the cost of producing it. The legislation wasn't meant for the paper industry, it was meant for the transportation industry and allowing it to benefit greedy paper mills goes contrary to everything you're saying you believe in like helping the little people and recycling for a greener world (just to name two).

Sincerely,

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