

GEORGE K. ELBRECHT

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Members
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

RE: Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credit

Sirs or Madams:

For the last 30 years, my wife and I have been blessed to live in Monroeville, Alabama. Our small community is in a rural area approximately 100 miles south of Montgomery. Until recently, this fine area has prospered. Much of that prosperity has come from the timber industry. Like many communities, we are now suffering financially. Our unemployment rate is over 16%. Many of our timber related businesses have closed or fallen on very hard financial times. In the past few months, the Georgia-Pacific plant in our area closed and 300 jobs were lost. The Alabama River Newsprint Company located in our county has closed and many jobs were lost as a result of that closure. Without further elaboration, it is safe to say that our community is in trouble.

When my wife and I first came to this county, Alabama River Pulp Company (ARP) had just completed the building of a pulp mill in our county and near our home town. ARP has been a tremendous asset in our community. ARP employs many of our citizens and pays them very good wages. Not only is this company a great place for the employment of our citizens, the company is a good corporate citizen. Our community wants ARP to thrive and continue as the leading corporate citizen in this area. That is the purpose of this letter. It is my understanding that the U. S. Senate may consider elimination of the Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credit. If this tax credit is eliminated, there would be a severe and adverse impact on ARP. Our community cannot stand the loss or closure of ARP. Accordingly, I would respectfully request that no action be taken by the Senate that would result in the elimination of this tax credit. I sincerely thank you for considering my position on this issue. With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Sent via Email

George K. Elbrecht

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