

I am writing this note in support of the current alternate fuel tax credit, and beg that you pass laws that allow this credit to remain in effect till the end of 2009. This money has greatly helped our mills financial position, and is making the difference between running or not running, in these tough economic times. We employ over 300 folks, many of whom were laid off for 6 to 8 weeks due to the indefinite idling of our mill. I was one of those employees laid off, and I'm sure you are aware how stressful it can be. We were able to restart the mill, as the pulp market improved, and hope to be cash positive, but the fuel credit needs to happen to help ensure we can remain running.

Thank you,
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