

To whom it may concern:

I am not a politically charged person and so sending a letter like this is out of character for me. I would be extremely irresponsible, in this case, if I didn't voice my concern.

There are widespread negative effects of this loophole on myself, my community, and businesses that supply recycled paper to the Snowflake mill.

I am a single mother of a two year old, I work full-time and am a college student working on a business degree. If our competing mills are able to maintain this price structure (because of the tax credit) it will undoubtedly put this mill out of business. Leaving me unemployed.

On a larger scale there is the community that relies on this mill. It employs about 300 people and is a strong community supporter on very many levels. It supports United Way, supplies electricity that is sold on the grid, produces and sells animal feed w/the farm that is irrigated by the wastewater. It would be very detrimental to this area of Arizona if this mill were idled.

Looking out into the "even greater" geographical effects, there are many suppliers who rely on Snowflake to buy recycled newsprint. If the mill closes, it may force the closure of numerous other businesses thereby increasing the amount of paper that has to be land-filled.

The economical effect of this is not positive for many people on many levels. And it's not advantageous for the environment either. There are some that are taking advantage of it... which should be illegal.

Snowflake is truly a "green" mill. These scoundrels who are using this tax credit to their advantage are not environmentally friendly.

Where is the justice in businesses closing and people being forced out of jobs by a government subsidy?

Please help. My mind keeps leaping to "this is a case for Oprah". Half jokingly of course. My point being that this issue needs some serious publicity and immediate decisive action.

Thank you,

*Tracie Hancock*