

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

I am requesting your support in preserving the current *Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit* until the end of this year when it is set to expire. My reasons follow:

- This credit, which was designed to incentivize production of fish oil—a substance very similar in makeup to black liquor—is critical for maintaining our facility’s viability in this extraordinarily challenging economic environment.
- The pulp and paper industry far outpaces every other industry in production and use of renewable power. However, until now we have largely been unable to take advantage of incentives for renewable power. Currently, restrictions exist in the Section 45 renewable electricity tax credit which disqualify renewable biomass power that is generated and consumed on site—a practice we employ here at Domtar. Meanwhile, those that compete with us for wood fiber, such as independent power producers and facilities that make cellulosic transportation fuels, benefit fully from Section 45 and other production tax incentives.
- We view the alternative mixture credit as helping to level the playing field while providing a needed boost to our mill—a mill that sustains good paying jobs in a rural community that depends on these jobs to drive economic activity in the area.

Sincerely,

*Karen L. Harth*

Domtar Paper Company, LLC