

I am employed by Domtar Paper Company in Chicago, IL and am writing to ask for your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire.

The Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit is critical for maintaining our facility's viability in the most challenging times our industry has seen in the past 80 years. During these dire economic conditions, this tax credit has literally been a lifeline for our company and for the communities we operate in.

The pulp and paper industry far outpaces every other industry in production and use of renewable power. Until now, however, 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 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.

The paper industry has shown leadership in the area of biomass utilization for generations. This credit and other public policies that provide incentives for our industry's use of biomass as a fuel source will enable our mill to continue best practices, continue to innovate, and continue to lead the way in the area of renewable energy.

Thank you, again, for your support in allowing the Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit to continue through year end as passed by legislation.

Tina Howard