

Dear Senator Max Baucus, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee

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As a long-standing employee of Domtar's pulp and paper mill in Nekoosa Wisconsin, I am very disturbed that Congress is considering eliminating the Alternative Fuel Use Tax Credit for the United States pulp and paper industry – a move that singles out our industry and could very well have a devastating impact on me, my family, my employer, my community, and the nation's pulp and paper industry.

The paper industry is a large employer across the nation, and as the leading producer of its own energy from renewable sources, legally qualifies for the tax credit, which was established by Congress in 2005. This credit is particularly important to our industry in this current economy, and keeping it will help save thousands of American jobs.

It is difficult to believe that Congress wants to drop an existing IRS renewable energy tax credit for the paper industry while simultaneously extending trillions of dollars in new aid to Wall Street firms, large banks, and the auto industry. Our jobs, those of our suppliers and those in our community that would be effective by our mill closing, are just as important as those in the banking and auto industries.

We urge you to help save our jobs and the jobs of hundreds of thousands of U.S. workers in the forest, transportation, and chemical industries that support us. Please keep this Alternative Fuel Use Tax Credit in place through its sunset date of December 31, 2009, as was promised by Congress with the legislation became law. This is a stimulus that the US pulp and paper needs in this most particularly tough economic time.

I urge you to act in the best interest of America's hardworking, tax-paying paper mill employees!

Best Regards,

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