

I manage a large 100% recycled newsprint mill in Arizona. Our mill is very efficient and low cost by any measure, but we have lost customers to competitors that receive money from the “black liquor subsidy”. Our facility has been forced to take downtime and lay off hundreds of employees as a result of this. So, a 100% recycled “green” manufacturing facility is threatened as a result of this loophole. I think this is wrong. My tax dollars are being used to subsidize my paper mill’s competition!

My personal perspective is the government should not be involved in subsidizing private enterprise. My professional perspective is we should all get to play on a level playing field. From any perspective – this loophole should be closed!

Thank you for creating this legislation. If there is ANYTHING I can do to help move this forward, please let me know!

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