

July 8, 2009

Dear Senators Baucus and Grassley:

I am writing to you regarding your June 11 draft that proposes to prohibit the Alternative Fuel Credit and Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit for Black Liquor.

I work at Boise's paper mill in Jackson, Alabama and this mill is vital to our community. Our mill is the largest employer in Clarke County Alabama with an employment of over 600 people.

We are extremely proud that our industry is the leading producer and user of renewable biomass energy in the nation. In fact, the energy we produce from biomass exceeds the total energy produced from solar and wind power. That's why it is alarming for us to hear that the federal government may prematurely halt the alternative fuel mixture tax credit that is given to companies, such as mine, that reduce reliance on fossil fuels by generating renewable energy.

We urge you to preserve the eligibility of forest products facilities to receive this credit not only because of the industry's contribution to renewable energy production but also because good paying jobs could be lost. The economic downturn has caused a dramatic decline in demand for consumer goods, which in turn has caused an historic decline in demand for paper and packaging. The forest products industry has lost 250,000 workers since 2006: 19 percent of its workforce. When mills close, the renewable energy they produce is lost too.

Please support our position for the renewable energy production and manufacturing jobs by not revoking the alternative fuel mixture tax credit.

Sincerely,



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