

I 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.

As an employee of Domtar I am concerned about the future of our company and my own future as well. This credit, which was designed to give incentives for the production of fish oil-- a substance very similar in makeup to black liquor--is critical for maintaining our facilities' viability in this extraordinarily challenging economic environment. Black liquor is liquid biomass—a wholly organic substance that resembles thick molasses and which is comprised of the lignin found in trees. There was recently an announcement of plans to re-open a pulp mill in Maine based in part on the tax credit. The early numbers showed that about 300 employees would be returned to work. I am concerned that cutting off this credit before it is set to expire could have negative impacts on the companies plans to resume operations in Maine.

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 celluloid transportation fuels, benefit fully from Section 45 and other production tax incentives.

This tax credit has been a critical lifeline for our mill in the midst of what everyone--economists, politicians and mill workers--agrees are extraordinarily dire economic conditions. Please help keep this credit alive until it's original expiration date.

Thank you for your time.

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