

I work in the paper industry and am employed by the Domtar Paper Company. Domtar is the leading uncoated free sheet paper mill system with 12 paper mills in North America and 10 of those facilities in the United States. I am writing to express my concern about the potential repeal of the Fuel Mixture Tax before the end of the year.

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 that Domtar Paper, among other companies, employs. Meanwhile, those that compete with paper manufacturers for wood fiber, such as independent power producers and facilities that make cellulose transportation fuels, benefit fully from section 45 and other tax incentives.

Like all manufacturing based operations in the United States, these are trying times. Businesses decisions were made in accordance of this tax credit. To change before the intended time frame is not a far and viable option at this time. Please reconsider not only the potential repeal, but extend the Fuel Mixture Tax.

Thank you for your consideration.

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