

To whom it may concern:

I am employed at Domtar, a pulp and paper mill, in Hawesville Ky. This fuel tax credit has been a blessing to our mill during these tough economic times. I would say that because of this credit we have been able to keep our pulp and paper machines running, with out substantial down time and loss of income to everyone.

We ask your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire.

Our mill fulfills over 70 percent of our power needs from burning black liquor—a residual of the pulping process comprised of lignin, the organic “glue” or liquid biomass that binds wood fibers together.

This tax credit has been a critical lifeline for our mill in the midst of what everyone—economists, politicians and millworkers--agrees are extraordinarily dire economic conditions.

We view the alternative mixture credit as helping to level the playing field while providing a needed boost to our mill—a mill that sustains good paying jobs in a rural community that depends on these jobs to drive economic activity in the area.