

Honorable Senators,

I am writing you today in support of the alternative fuel mixture credit. Please help stop the current efforts to prematurely end this program before the December 31, 2009 expiration date.

All eligible Domtar U.S. pulp and paper mills are certified to be fuel blenders. This is an important part of our economic viability as we face unparalleled competition from Asia and South American importers.

Our business is energy intensive, so we have taken steps to use renewable energy and combined heat and power projects. At this time several of our mills are 70% self-sufficient in terms of their electrical needs.

The biomass we are using to blend with diesel is part of a chemical recovery process. It is a renewable power that is carbon-neutral. In fact, this is why we stand head and shoulders above other production industries when it comes to renewable power.

Again, please help us maintain this essential program until it's scheduled expiration of December 31, 2009.

Thanks you.

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