

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Office of the President-Elect
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear President-Elect Biden,

Congratulations on your recent victory. We look forward to working with your Administration on the many critical issues that face our country.

Climate and environmental challenges are clearly one priority. As your transition team begins to put together policy proposals regarding renewable energy, we write to express our support for biomass energy, which supports healthy forest management and the forest products industry.

We recognize the tremendous economic and environmental benefit that the forest economy represents nationwide, particularly for rural communities. To this end, we urge you to include wood biomass as part of your renewable energy strategy.

Biomass energy is a sustainable, responsible, renewable and economically significant energy source that can help us meet our alternative energy goals. Furthermore, research shows a correlation between healthy markets for forests and private investment to grow more timber. The natural carbon cycle, which includes carbon sequestration, is essential to meeting our environmental goals. Our constituents employed in the biomass supply chain deserve a federal policy that recognizes the clear benefits of forest bioenergy.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,



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