

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

Dear Congressional Leaders,

We write to urge Congress to take decisive action to modernize the definition of woody biomass under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) to enable the use of wood as a qualifying RFS feedstock.

America's working forests are facing mounting economic pressure as long-standing markets for pulpwood and residuals continue to disappear. Forest and sawmill owners increasingly lack viable outlets for treetops, thinnings, slash, and mill byproducts that are critical to the economic viability of forestry supply chains. The result is lost rural income, fewer jobs, and growing difficulty keeping working forests economically viable and intact.

At the same time, our country is facing urgent renewable energy, environmental, and wildfire-resilience challenges. Woody biomass offers a rare opportunity to support rural economies by reducing hazardous forest fuels, reinvigorating forestry supply chains, and contributing to the production of next generation liquid fuels, like sustainable aviation fuel.

The current definition of woody biomass in the RFS has proven to be too narrow for real world application, effectively precluding its use as an eligible feedstock. This has discouraged investment, left valuable biomass unutilized, and hindered improvements to forest health, wildfire resilience, and rural prosperity.

Fixing the woody biomass definition in the RFS will provide a new market opportunity for woody biomass that presently has no place to go. Importantly, the RIN category for woody biomass fuel (primarily D3), does not conflict with other feedstocks used to produce fuel for over-the-road vehicles.

We strongly encourage Congress to take advantage of any opportunity to make the RFS work for timber producing regions of the country. Modernizing the definition of woody biomass in the RFS would provide long-overdue opportunities for public and private forest

owners and managers, loggers, haulers, sawmill operators and biofuel producers to unlock private capital and support good-paying jobs in rural forest communities. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to working with you to make this opportunity a reality as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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3H Forestry & Land Management LLC
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Aacer Sports Flooring
Abenaki Timber Corp.
Acme Sawmill
Acord Forestry Consulting
AFS Energy Systems
AJD Forest Products
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Alexander's Farm
Allard Lumber Company
Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG)
Alliance Hardwood Products
Allstate Land and Timber Co. Inc
Almendinger Sawmill LLC
Alta Forest Products
American Biomass Energy Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Forest Management, Inc.
American Forest Resource Council (AFRC)
American Loggers Council
Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Inc.
Aremores, LLC
Arkansas Center for Forest Business
Arkansas Forest Health Research Center
Arkansas Forestry Association

Arkansas Pulpwood Company, Inc.
Arkansas Teacher Retirement System
Arkansas Timber Producers Association
Arthur Brown and Sons Timberlands
Associated Contract Loggers & Truckers of Minnesota
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Association of Consulting Foresters
Atlantic Plywood Corp.
Atlantic Power and Utilities
Aurora Timberland
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Baker County Commissioner
Bakker Forestry
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Beasley Timber Co.
Berrigan Forestry, Inc.
Besley & Rodgers, Inc.
Big Sky Bioenergy, LLC
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Bingaman Woods, Llc
Bird Dog Forestry Consulting
Black Hills Forest Resource Association
Bob Warring Forestry Services
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Brumbaugh Lumber LLC
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Bucks Valley Sawmill LLC
C.F.Webb & Sons Logging LLC
Cadillac Renewable Energy
Cain Brothers Logging, Inc.
Caldwell-Dietzel Farms, LLC
Calforests
California Farm Bureau
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Carolina Renewable Products LLC
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Collums Lumber Products LLC
Conestoga Wood Specialties
Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association
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Cook's Forest Products, LLC
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Crest Natural Resources, LLC
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Crowell Forest Resources, LLC
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Forest Biomass Solutions
Forest Investment Associates
Forest Landowners Association
Forest Resource Consultants, Inc
Forest Resource Services, Inc
Forestland Consultants, Inc.
Forestry Services, Inc.
ForestSouth, LLC
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Frank's Logging
Frontier Wood Products
FutureWood Corp.
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Generations Forestry, Inc.
Genesis Timber

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Georgia Forestry Association
Georgia Longleaf Tree Farmer
Georgia-Atlantic Forestry LLC
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Hall Timberlands
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Hanstedt Wood and Recycling LLC
Hardwood Manufacturers Association
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Heartland Forest Consulting, LLC
Hedstrom Lumber Company Inc
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Keystone Wood Products Association
Kindled Provisions
Kindler Forest Management, LLC

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Kitchens Lumber Company
Kleiman Forest Products, Inc.
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Oregon Forest Industries Council
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Seven Islands Land Company
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Sorrells Sawmill Inc
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South Carolina Timber Producers Association
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South Paw Forest Products, Inc.
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Southeastern Wood Producers Association, Inc.
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Swanson Group, Inc.
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West Virginian Forestry Association
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