



November 30, 2015

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

The North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015, H.R. 8 will soon be considered on the House floor. We are writing on behalf of the Paper Recycling Coalition (PRC) representing over 50,000 direct jobs in the U.S. We are pleased that the bill adopted by the Energy & Commerce Committee includes Section 4114. This narrowly crafted provision would help ensure that the federal government does not unintentionally subsidize the destruction of recyclable paper fiber. Fiber is essential for the production of the 100% recycled products we manufacture, such as cereal, pizza and gift boxes, as well as baby food, pasta and oatmeal containers.

Our industry purchases millions of tons of recyclable paper, supporting municipal recycling programs all across the country. However, the fiber we buy and use has to be clean. Section 4114 clarifies that facilities selling energy from waste to the federal government must keep recyclable paper separate from solid waste. This is necessary because there is a move across the country to mix recyclables with household waste which would include kitty litter, animal waste and household trash. We must meet the requirements of our customers and stringent FDA food safety guidelines, neither of which will allow the use of contaminated fiber.

This provision is limited to facilities which sell energy to the federal government and where solid waste collection includes recyclable paper. Municipalities will continue to make all solid waste decisions appropriate for their communities.

Section 4114 is a pro-recycling, pro-business, pro-environment provision that is extremely important to the paper recycling industry who can recycle paper up to 8 times, creating a positive carbon footprint. Congress has repeatedly acknowledged the importance of recycling valuable materials before burning or landfilling. This provision simply maintains that position.

Each state in the country recycles paper and we appreciate the efforts of each citizen to help us make 100% recycled paper products. We hope that we can count on your support.

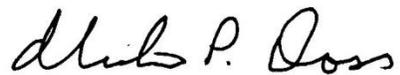
Sincerely,

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Paper Recycling Coalition, Inc.

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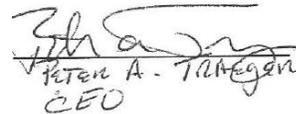
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