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Biomass Energy Briefing: Clean, American, Renewable Energy

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Dear Colleague,

Biomass energy offers us a domestically available resource that can be used sustainably to meet our energy needs while creating jobs and economic development in rural communities. To discuss the opportunities presented by biomass energy, we are pleased to be hosting this briefing. The briefing will focus on a number of elements of biomass energy, including its applications for heating and cooling our homes and buildings, and electric power generation. Panelists will dispel some myths about biomass and highlight why it can be used efficiently as a renewable energy resource. We are fortunate to have experts from academia, industry, and the non-profit community on hand to discuss various aspects of biomass energy, including:

Andrea Colnes, Biomass Energy Resource Center: Overview

Robert Perschel, Forest Guild: Sustainable Forestry/ Wood Supply

Mike Jostrum, Plum Creek: Land Management/Timberland Owner Perspective

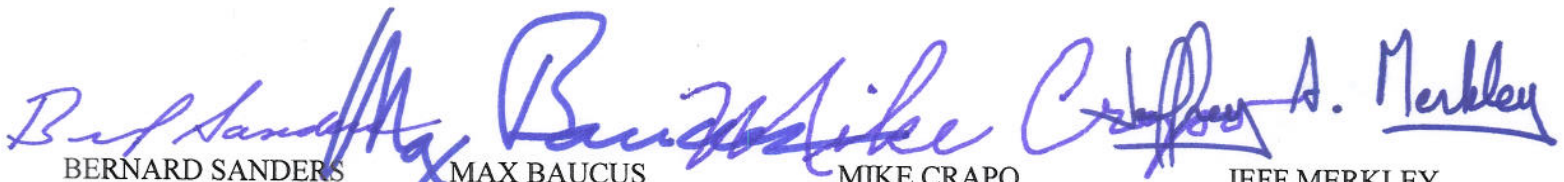
Steve Walker, New England Wood Pellet : Industry & Applied Technology

Dennis Becker, PhD, University of Minnesota: Rural Economic Development, Wealth Capture and Retention

Chad Davis, Sustainable NorthWest and Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition:
Case Studies form Western Forest-Based Communities

We invite you and your staff to join the briefing on biomass energy on February 17, 2011. It will be held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 406, at 1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Darren Springer at 228-6356 or Darren_Springer@Sanders.Senate.Gov.

Sincerely,


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