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Professor Barry Goodell, Ph.D.  
Head, Wood Science and Technology Program  
Project Director, Wood Utilization Research (WUR) Center  
The University of Maine  
Orono, ME 04469

Dear Professor Goodell,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the research efforts being conducted at the University of Maine under the auspices of the Wood Utilization Research (WUR) program. Specifically, past and present research on elemental chlorine free bleaching, oxygen delignification, water use and effluent reduction, and paper mill closure technology conducted under the direction of Professors Joseph Genco, Raymond Fort, and Barbara Cole has been of great benefit to the pulp and paper industry in the State of Maine. This research has contributed directly to the elimination of chlorine in bleach plants in Maine and has aided Maine mills meet federal cluster rules governing reductions in BOD, COD, suspended solids, phosphorous and chlorinated organic compounds. The environmental and economic impact resulting from this work has been substantial.

I also wish to acknowledge the importance of WUR-supported education and training that is provided to graduate and undergraduate students at the University. These highly trained young people are critical to the Maine workforce and our future. The Maine economy relies on having scientists and engineers who are educated in disciplines such as forestry, chemistry, chemical engineering, pulp and paper engineering and wood technology. These young people are important to the future of our state and are assisting the forest-based industries in the State of Maine stay competitive in the global marketplace.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Saviello  
Maine State House of Representatives  
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District 90 Avon, New Vineyard, Phillips, Strong, Temple and Wilton,  
plus the unorganized territories of East Central Franklin (part, including Freeman  
Township and part of Salem Township) and Perkins and Washington Townships