

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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Legendary Forest Products  
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