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Dear Mr Sutton

Burning subsidised, timber based biomass to create electricity and heat is by far the biggest threat to long term sustainability for all industries using wood based panels.

Prudent use of timber as a precious resource should see the thermal utilisation at the very end of a long and useful life cycle. Current and planned legislation incentivises burning timber straight out of the forest.

Storing carbon in our products for as long as possible and to re-use timber as often as possible is by far the better environmental alternative than to burn it and to actually release the stored carbon.

Current legislation will deprive us of our raw material, price us out of the market and worsen the environmental impact.

It is still possible to avoid the worst consequences of this unfair and damaging legislation for our industries and for that purpose I am contacting you today.

A number of MP's have sponsored an Early Day Motion (EDM) supported by the Wood Panel Industries Federation (WPIF) as part of its ongoing lobbying efforts.

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are formal motions submitted for debate in the House of Commons. However, very few are actually debated. EDMs allow MPs to draw attention to an event or cause. MPs register their support by signing individual motions. The more signatures, the more chance the EDM will be debated in the main chamber. Here you can read the actual motion: <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-11/1788>

I am asking you now to send the attached letter to your local MP, asking them to sign this EDM. The more individuals from your company that send letters to their respective local MP's the better. Feel free to use as many letters as you can.

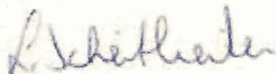
Whilst this initiative is called Early Day Motion, we have very little time left to make any major impact and I would be extremely grateful if you could support our industry in this mutual cause.

I am also attaching material with background information in case you have any questions. The website www.makewoodwork.co.uk will give you useful information as well.

If you are left with any more questions, please do not hesitate to mail or call myself or Gavin Adkins (Director for Timber and Energy Procurement,) and we will do our best to answer your queries.

Please keep in mind that time is of the essence and I thank you in advance for your support.

With best regards



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