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I am writing to the Vermont Senate Finance Committee in support of Senate Bill S.161, a bill that would extend the existing obligation of Vermont's utilities to continue purchasing power from the Ryegate biomass plant for another 10 years. As a forester and timber harvester it is crucial to have local markets for low grade wood in Vermont to ensure the productivity and health of Vermont's working forested landscape, to keep forestland intact, and to produce energy from non-fossil based fuels that are renewable. Please consider the many ways that the Ryegate biomass plant benefits and impacts our beautiful state (i.e., jobs, healthy/productive forestland, landowners, families and communities) and with that I ask each member to wholeheartedly support S.161.

Sincerely,
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