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Subject: [External] "Support S.1 for Ryegate Biomass plant – wood ash is good"

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Dear Legislatures,

I am writing in support of the S.1 for keeping the Ryegate biomass plant in operation. My name is Lisa MacDougall and my farm name is Mighty Food Farm, 280 Rod and Gun Club Road in Shaftsbury, Vermont. I grow 20 acres of certified organic vegetables. The use of wood ash for soil fertility has helped to increase yields and enhance my farms soil fertility. It is a renewable resource and provides jobs for people working in the plant. The plant also provides processing for low-grade timber which is very necessary for sustainable forestry.

I have been using wood ash for 14 years in a responsible manner according to my soil tests. It is an integral part of my fertility plan! Thank you for your consideration of supporting S.1 Ryegate Biomass Plant continued operation.

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