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Dear Chair and committee persons,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

This is just a quick message in support of SB 1578, it's a bill we need to help create good, living wage jobs in the rural areas of our state. We've got a long history with biomass energy in this state, and we've got some great people here that are committed and motivated to create sustainable, renewable biomass projects that will put our state on a stronger economic footing, and provide green energy from material that is currently being wasted.

There is a strong need for this bill. Because we don't have this type of renewable energy from woody biomass specifically included, projects that could include using residual biomass sources for heat and power aren't being done, and we're missing a powerful tool to help build local renewable heat and power. Right now, we're seeing some good projects fail in the planning stages because of a lack of this specific type of legislation. This is a good bill. It's reasonable, and it's focused on the types of changes that will help put people to work through encouraging responsible behavior.

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