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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you regarding the proposed Biomass Generating Plant in Russell, Mass. I have lived in Russell since 1956, own a Certified Tree Farm there, hold a Master of Forestry from Yale School of Forestry, Hold Massachusetts Professional Foresters License #157.

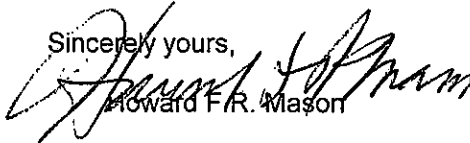
As a practicing forester and taxpayer in Russell, I am totally in favor of the proposed **Biomass Generating** plant in Russell.

I have read the extensive "Draft Environmental Impact Report" by Tighe & Bond and have learned a great deal about Russell and the Westfield River Watershed.

This report, subject to further findings by Massachusetts State boards and commissions, seems to answer all the legitimit and unfounded charges made by the "ConcernedCitizens of Russell"

As a practicing forester in the area, I can certainly report that all the foresters in the area are confident that there is more than enough unused biomass in the district to maintain such a plant in the area, to the benefit of forest management.

Sincerely yours,



Howard F.R. Mason

