

Wood pellets are a carbon-neutral, cost stable, and renewable fuel used in millions of American households today for space heating and cooking.

## How can I help?

## Generally

- Support federal regulatory language affirming biomass as a carbon-neutral, renewable energy source
- Protect consumers' right to heat their homes using wood and wood pellet appliances that comply with emissions limits outlined in federal regulations
- Maintain and expand tax-credits for qualifying wood heat appliances

## Specifically:

### Farm Bill

- Include provisions in 2023 Farm Bill reauthorization that bind federal agencies and departments to recognize biomass carbon neutrality in any federal environmental or energy rulemaking
- Support the ongoing inclusion of the <u>Advanced Biofuels</u>
  <u>Payment Program</u> in the Farm Bill
- Support the continuation of the <u>Community Wood</u> <u>Energy Grants</u> in the Farm Bill
- Support the continuation of the <u>Wood Innovations</u> Grants in the Farm Bill

#### Renewable Energy Tax Credits

- Raise the cap on biomass appliance installations included in the Residential Clean Energy Property Credit to \$8,000 to incentivize the installation of whole home wood pellet boiler systems
- Expand the Clean Energy Property Credit to commercial installations

## Renewable Fuels Standard

 Direct the EPA to authorize a pathway within the Renewable Fuel Standard for wood pellet producers to generate Renewable Identification Numbers



# **Wood Pellet Manufacturing in Iowa**

The wood pellet manufacturers of lowa are proud to be an integral part of the state's impressive and vital forest products sector that employs over **17,800** lowans and generates over **\$5** billion in direct economic output for the state.

This robust forest products sector creates incredible value for lowa's **2.8 million acres** of forestland.

source: Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

# **Operating Wood Pellet Facilities –**

- Westwind Logistics, Des Moines
- American Wood Fiber, Pella

Total Production Capacity 9,100 tons\*

\* enough wood pellets to heat 2,250 homes

**Total Wood Residuals Purchased 12,740 tons** 

Value of Residual Purchases \$ 500,000 (\$39.26/ton)

Wholesale value of pellets \$1.9 million

### **Heating Appliance Manufacturing**

Hearth & Home Technologies, Mt. Pleasant

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Biomass Magazine, analysis by Pellet Fuels Institute