

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 Kentucky

The wood pellet manufacturers of Kentucky are proud to be an integral part of the state's impressive and vital forest products sector that employs over **27,000** Kentuckians and generates over **\$9.52** billion in direct economic output for the state.

This robust forest products sector creates incredible value for Kentucky's **12 million** acres of forestland.

source: University of Kentucky

## **Operating Wood Pellet Facilities –**

- Somerset Pellet Fuel, Somerset
- Southern Kentucky Pellet Mill Inc.
  Gamaliel

Total Production Capacity 72,600 tons\*

\* enough wood pellets to heat 18,150 homes

Wood Residuals Purchased 101,640 tons

Value of Residual Purchases \$3.9 million

(\$39.26/ton)

Wholesale value of pellets \$15.2 million

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