



American Biomass Energy Association

American Biomass Energy Association Applauds Rep. John Garamendi, Sen. Angus King and Co-Sponsors for Introduction of Bill to Expand RFS Feedstock Eligibility and Require EPA to Process eRINs Pathway Petitions

“Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act” Co-Sponsors Include Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Rep. Jared Golden and Rep. Annie Kuster

Washington, DC – March 15, 2024 – American Biomass Energy Association (formerly Biomass Power Association) today applauded the re-introduction of the “Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act,” [H.R. 7609](#) in the House and S.3899 in the Senate. The bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fully implement electricity eligibility for feedstocks approved under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). It would also expand eligibility to fuel removed from federal lands that are at risk of wildfire.

“We are extremely grateful to Rep. Garamendi and Sen. King for spearheading this bill,” said Carrie Annand, executive director of American Biomass Energy Association. “Some of our members have been waiting five years or more for the EPA to process their RFS pathway petitions for electricity from biomass feedstocks. Expanding eligibility to non-merchantable wood cleared off federal lands is a common-sense policy proposal that will incentivize the utilization of materials cleared off of federal lands to reduce fire risk. Sen. Shaheen, Rep. Golden and Rep. Kuster also deserve recognition for co-sponsoring this bill. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of these five Congressional leaders.”

The EPA introduced a program to incorporate electricity into the RFS in December 2022, but the agency has not yet finalized the proposal. ABEA is part of the [Partnership for Electric Pathways](#) coalition that is urging the EPA to finalize the so-called eRINs program that will enable electric vehicle manufacturers and eligible renewable fuel producers to share RIN credits for ensuring that EVs are powered by RFS-eligible renewable fuel sources.

Learn more about the history of the eRINs campaign at www.rfspower.org.

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