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Mr. Crawford:

On behalf of Twin Rivers Paper Company, I wish to express my support for the petition by the Maine DEP to remove portions of the State of Maine from the Ozone Transport Region pursuant to the Clean Air Act Section 176A(a)(2). Twin Rivers Paper Company's flagship paper manufacturing facility resides in rural northern Maine, adjacent to the Canadian border. The mill is the major employer and economic engine in this very remote part of the United States. The Madawaska paper mill has survived when many competitors have not because of its ability to develop new and innovative paper grades to displace grades that have seen shrinking markets. In doing so, the mill remains in complete compliance with all of the parameters of its air emission license.

Twin Rivers Paper Company recognizes that the rules in effect and the compliance requirements for the Madawaska mill will not change if the petition is approved. The company will continue to interact closely with the Maine DEP on future developments at its paper mill to ensure continued compliance. The benefit of the proposed petition is to provide stability in one of many operating parameters, which helps the company to make key decisions regarding future innovation.

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