



## **Biomass Power Association Statement on Ways and Means Chairman Camp's Energy Tax Proposal**

Washington, DC -- February 27, 2014 -- Biomass Power Association President and CEO Bob Cleaves released the following statement on the energy tax reform proposal released yesterday by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp:

"Biomass Power Association appreciates Chairman Camp's attempt at much-needed reform to our nation's energy tax code. However, the proposal released yesterday would have the unintended consequences of stifling renewable energy growth in an already challenging climate.

"In the absence of a national energy policy that puts a price on carbon, all forms of energy, including biomass, must resort to the tax code to create a level playing field with a diversity of technologies and an emphasis on domestic production. Extending and reforming the production and investment incentives that expired at the end of last year to make them technology neutral and performance oriented for new and existing biomass plants would ensure the continued production of clean, green electricity in many rural regions, including Chairman Camp's home state of Michigan. Meaningful reform must be fair, predictable and promote an 'all-of-the-above' energy policy.

"We look forward to working with Chairman Camp to refine his energy tax reform proposal to ensure that biomass and other renewable energy sources across the country are able to continue providing Americans with clean, reliable energy."

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*Biomass Power Association represents the American biomass power sector. Our members use sustainably-sourced organic materials, such as residues and byproducts left over from forest harvests and farming, to create electricity and heat in 22 states. Biomass energy converts these low value materials to power and heat—enough for nearly 1 million homes and businesses, adding almost \$1 billion to the nation's economy, and sustaining rural economies by preserving working forests and farms.*