



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
House of Representatives

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TO : All House Members  
FROM : Hon. Will Tallman *WT*  
SUBJECT : Support for our paper and paper products industry  
DATE : June 27, 2012

In the near future I will be introducing a resolution asking our federal delegation to support Congressman Glenn Thompson's HR 5873.

Thompson's HR 5873 asks the US Department of Agriculture to allow forest products to be eligible for the USDA's Biobased Labeling and BioPreferred Programs. There is no specific language in the Farm Bill to exclude forest products but the USDA has interpreted it that way based on the "mature market" concept. The US Senate has a similar Bill S 2346. This would allow domestic forestry products to be labeled as biobased.

Many of us have paper and cardboard companies in our legislative districts. These companies believe they will be at a competitive disadvantage if they cannot use these USDA labels.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this resolution to keep Pennsylvania companies competitive with the rest of the world.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at 783-8875 or via e-mail at [jaddingt@pahousegop.com](mailto:jaddingt@pahousegop.com).