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Dear Department of Environmental Quality,
CC: Governor Ralph Northam

Enviva's industrial facilities in Virginia chop down our trees and turn them into wood pellets. Those pellets are then shipped around the world and burned to generate electricity in power plants. Enviva is the largest maker of these pellets in the world and falsely claims this process is good for the environment and the climate. It's not.

Logging Virginia's forests to turn them into wood pellets for energy production destroys the trees that decarbonize our air and protect us from climate crisis. When Enviva's pellets are burned in power plants, it creates more carbon pollution than coal, gas, and oil. Plus, turning Virginia trees into wood pellets emits dust and toxic pollution that affects the health of surrounding communities.

It is time that this carbon-polluting, forest-destroying practice comes to an end in Virginia. The first two steps to make that happen is to require Enviva to add new pollution controls to its plant and reject Enviva's application to increase air pollution from its dirty and destructive wood pellet plant in Southampton.

Sincerely,

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From: [A. Loikow](#)

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Subject: Public Comment on Enviva Pellets Southampton LLC; Registration Number: 61653.

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Dear Mr. White:

I would like to urge Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to deny the application by Enviva Pellets Southampton LLC, Application Number 61653, for an air permit to expand its operations and install additional controls to limit pollution.

At a time when the immense fires in the Amazon have brought to the world's attention the importance of our forests to the health of the planet, it is outrageous that Virginia's forests are being destroyed to make wood pellets to generate electricity. I understand Enviva is the world's largest maker of these pellets and ships them around the world. Despite their claims that they are good for the environment, they are not.

Destruction of Virginia's forests destroys the trees that decarbonize our air. When Enviva's pellets are burned, they create more carbon pollution than coal, gas, and oil. In addition, the manufacturing of these pellets creates many toxic pollutants that adversely affect the health of Virginians living near their facility as well that of those living near the power plants that burn their pellets.

Instead of expanding this environmentally destructive manufacturing process that is destroying Virginia's forests, it should be shut down and Enviva encouraged to develop much more environmentally benign power sources. I urge Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to reject Enviva's application to expand operations at their Southampton pellet plant and instead to require Enviva to add new pollution controls to further limit the pollution produced by the plant and ultimately discontinue their destruction of Virginia's forests.

Sincerely,

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