

Episode 56FA June 10, 2023. **The Wisconsin Democratic Convention should vote on Endorsement for the Termination of Biomass (Wood) Burning Subsidies.**

There is a vote on Endorsement for the Termination of Fossil Fuel Subsidies at the Wisconsin Democratic Convention on Fossil Fuels. The vote will be held on June 11, 2023, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This writer is a delegate to the Wisconsin Democratic Convention and will vote for the Fossil Fuel Resolution.

**The Wisconsin Democratic Convention should also have had a vote on Endorsement for the Termination of Biomass (Wood) Burning Subsidies.**

### **100 word text**

ENDORSEMENT FOR THE TERMINATION OF **Wood burning** SUBSIDIES (2ND 31 CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT

WHEREAS, combustion of biomass (wood) caused **an uncounted** % of U.S. greenhouse gas **and particulate** emissions in 2019-**2023**; WHEREAS, the federal government provides at least **billions** per year in subsidies to **wood burning** industries; WHEREAS, **wood burning power plants** will decline if subsidies are discontinued; WHEREAS, the elevated concentrations of greenhouse gasses **and particulates** are becoming a major injustice to generations of people; and, WHEREAS, **The wood burning industry and wood stove manufacturers** are blocking climate solutions in both **publicly and residentially**; THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses the termination of federal government subsidies for fossil fuel **and wood burning** industries.

A Biomass (Wood Burning) Resolution should have read, 1<sup>st</sup> 100 words text above, and 2<sup>nd</sup> 233 word text below for use during discussion on the vote.

### **233 word text, for discussion**

ENDORSEMENT FOR THE TERMINATION OF **Biomass (Wood Burning)** SUBSIDIES (2ND 31 CD, 233 WORDS); ADOPT

WHEREAS, combustion of **biomass (wood)** caused **(uncounted by the United States) percentage** of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions **(wood burning emits more CO2 and PM2.5 than coal burning, and wood burning emits 450 times the particulates PM2.5 than natural gas burning. Coal and natural gas are fossil fuels, but wood burning is more polluting and releases more greenhouse gases than any fossil fuel burning) and particulate emissions (90% PM2.5), particulate matter of 2.5 micrometer size, the perfect size to infiltrate the human lung, causing a cascade of human health problems and early deaths) in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023**; WHEREAS, the federal government provides at least **(billions)** per year in subsidies to **biomass (wood burning)** industries; WHEREAS, the production of **biomass (wood) burning** will decline if subsidies are discontinued; WHEREAS, the elevated concentrations of atmospheric greenhouse gasses **and particulates (PM2.5)** are fast becoming a major injustice to current and future generations of people; and, WHEREAS, fossil fuel companies **and the biomass (wood burning industry), and lobbyists for the residential wood stove manufacturing industry** are blocking climate solutions in both the public and private sectors; THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses the termination of federal government subsidies for fossil fuel production and distribution **and of biomass (wood burning) decimation of forests to obtain wood for burning, and biomass (wood burning) industrial facilities emitting CO2 and PM2.5 at higher levels than any fossil fuel industrial emissions.**

Additional resolution (which is the **wording of the resolution passed by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress on April 11, 2023**)

Explanation of the Resolution. PurpleAir PM2.5 monitors should also be distributed free to any near neighbor who complains of the PM2.5 pollution from of a residential wood burning neighbor in order to document level of PM2.5 pollution above E P A safe limits, entering the yard and infiltrating the home of a near neighbor. **The experiences of near neighbors of residential wood burners were harbingers of the pollution experienced on the East Coast of the United States, notably New York City from the recent wildfire (wood burning) smoke from Canadian wildfires invading United States and causing inability to carry on normal human existence at work or in the home.** The Office of the Inspector General (O I G), watchdog of the E P A released a report on February 28, 2023 stating that the Environmental Protection Agency (E P A) wood stove certification program was flawed by the wood burning industry successfully lobbying for loopholes to E P A rules, resulting in widespread noncompliance with rules designed to protect human health.

March 1, 2023 Resolution submitted to Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and passed by the Conservation Congress on April 11, 2023.

#### Resolution 1

Wisconsin government should provide citizen-scientist residents 2.5 micrometer Particulate Matter PM2.5 air quality monitors to end residential wood burning, which emits excessive hyper-localized PM 2.5 health harm to near neighbors. (requires legislation)

Would you support legislative action to provide citizen-scientist residents 2.5 micrometer Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Purpleair monitors to end residential wood burning, which emits excessive hyper-localized PM 2.5 harm to health of near neighbors? (requires legislation)

PurpleAir PM2.5 monitors cost less than \$300, with data put on United States (US) Airnow Smoke and Fire maps. In 2020, US Scientists wrote a letter to the US Congress warning against declaring wood burning Carbon Neutral. PM2.5 is Particulate Matter of 2.5 micrometer size. Wood Smoke is 90 percent PM2.5. Since hyper-localized PM2.5 PurpleAir website data is available to the general public and government officials 24/ 7, weekend and overnight readings from yards of near neighbors can be downloaded by government officials during normal working hours, with no need to enter residences to shut down residential wood burning. Residential wood burning in U S certified wood stoves emit 450 times PM 2.5 as natural gas furnaces.

The existing Wisconsin Democratic Party Fossil Fuel Resolution reads as follows, with 97 words.

30 23-AGE-02: ENDORSEMENT FOR THE TERMINATION OF FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES (2ND 31 CD, 97 WORDS); 32 ADOPT 33 WHEREAS, combustion of fossil fuels caused 75% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2019; 34 WHEREAS, the federal government provides at least \$20 billion per year in subsidies to fossil fuel 35 industries; 36 WHEREAS, the production of fossil fuels will decline if subsidies are discontinued; 37 WHEREAS, the elevated concentrations of atmospheric greenhouse gasses are fast becoming a major 38 injustice to current and future generations of people; and, 39 WHEREAS, fossil fuel companies are blocking climate solutions in both the public and private sectors; 40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses the termination of federal government subsidies for fossil 41 fuel production and distribution.

Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, see RAWSEPresidents.wordpress.com and click on the nearest right icon for the latest month, June 2023, of PDFs of articles with U R L's to search on, to the right of that, Bingo for RAWSEP, Crosswords for RAWSEP, EndWoodSmokeJeopardy and EndWoodSmokeMonopoly Games with a RAWSEP Flyer, the "Un-Twist-it" Game, and icon links to 30 minute Youtube videos and Spotify podcasts as well as podcasts on Amazon Music Prime (free for Prime subscribers), podcasts.google.com, Cast Box, and Pocket Cast (Pocket Cast is only free on the phone App. Pocket Cast works on Apple phones) and, below those icons, icon links to monthly PDFs of articles with URL's to search on, from May 2023 to May 2022.