

Michaud Statement on Fraser Papers

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“As a mill worker for nearly 30 years at Great Northern Paper Company, I know how devastating this news is for these workers and their families. Mainers have rallied for each other during difficult times in the past and will do so now.

“In the meantime, Congress needs to focus on making sure that we are passing policies that will help our manufacturers stay in business and grow. Economic development and job creation must continue to be our number one policy goal.”

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