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Representative Phil Barnhart, Chair
Representative Jules Bailey, Vice Chair
Representative Vicki Berger, Vice Chair
House Revenue Committee

HEARING: Thursday, March 28, 2013, 8:00am

Re: **In support of House Bill 2435**

Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chairs and Members,

Pacific Biodiesel Technologies (PBT) supports HB 2435 as a necessary bridge to build a robust renewable fuel industry in Oregon by 2020.

The State will find a compelling need to increase the biodiesel portion of diesel fuel to 20% by 2020. In order to gain widespread support for this higher blend, the legislature may find it is more productive to incentivize some to become early adopters of B20 blends rather than mandate the blend. We see this as a temporary need, as the sunset date implies. During this time, the industry will build capacity, the users will gain confidence in renewable fuel blends, and the State will enjoy increased revenues from domestic production and construction activities.

As a pioneering leader in the biodiesel industry, PBT has for over seventeen years been designing and operating community-based biodiesel processing facilities to produce high quality fuel for our customers and distributors. PBT has engineered and manufactured biodiesel plants here in Salem, Oregon for installation in Texas, Alaska, California, and Hawaii, including the new Big Island Biodiesel plant in Hawaii. Big Island Biodiesel is one of the most technologically advanced 5 million gallon per year facilities in the world, a testament to the PBT R&D facility in Salem.

PBT and associated companies employ almost 150 engineers, technicians, processors and support personnel, many of whom are Oregon residents. Many other Oregon companies who are vendors to PBT on these facilities have earned millions of dollars of income. Biodiesel in America definitely bears the stamp Made in Oregon.

HB 2435 encourages more investment in Oregon, more jobs in Oregon, and more actual production of secure renewable energy in Oregon.

As Pacific Biodiesel ponders the investment opportunities before us now, this mandate would send a clear message that the best ones are right here in Oregon. We humbly ask you to pass HB 2435.

Sincerely,

Robert A. King, President
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