

May 21st, 2013

Senator Burdick
Senator George
Senator Hass
Senator Rosenbaum
Senator Ferrioli

Re: In Support of House Bill 2435

Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chairs and Members,

My name is Gavin Carpenter and I am Director of Sales for SeQuential-Pacific Biodiesel.

We have Oregon's largest and longest running biodiesel facility 5 miles from the Capitol in south Salem. This year we will produce over 6 million gallons of low carbon sustainable biodiesel. We will collect and purchase over 8 million gallons of used cooking oil. Many of those suppliers are based right here in Oregon. Rogue Biofuels in Ashland, Go Bio in Bend, those businesses collect oil from restaurants and sell to us as feedstock for our plant. We have 92 employees and every one earns a family wage job and full medical benefits.

House Bill 2435 will create consistent demand for high blends of biodiesel in our transportation vehicles. This bill will provide security in the market and allow us to compete for what we consider a natural resource, used cooking oil. Recent policy in California, specifically California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard has created a strong demand for Used Cooking Oil (UCO) and we are begin to see some of our supply diverted out of state.

We want to see the value add chain remain in Oregon, rather than export a natural resource to be processed into a higher value product in another state. HB 2435 would allow us to pass on that value for used cooking oil to our suppliers and Oregon restaurant owners, allowing us to retain a natural resource.

This bill would create jobs directly at SeQuential-Pacific Biodiesel and all along the entire supply chain: more drivers hauling product to our facility, local collection and grease trap companies expanding to fill our demand, and restaurants receiving a premium for their used cooking oil to have it sourced into biodiesel.

Every dollar spent in Oregon on locally made biodiesel is a dollar that does not leave our state and invigorates our entire economy. Voting Yes on HB 2435 would provide a level of market demand that will ripple thru the entire biodiesel

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supply chain industry – from restaurants owners to collection companies to biodiesel producers to fleet owners running a low carbon sustainable and renewable fuel.

Thank you,

Gavin Carpenter
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SeQuential-Pacific Biodiesel