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MEASURE: HB 2435 A
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SUBMITTED BY: T. Henry

Re: **In Support Of House Bill 2435**

Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

My name is Travis Henry and I am the Vice-President of Salem-based Wildwood/Mahonia, and I support HB 2435.

House Bill 2435 creates a local demand for high blends of sustainable biodiesel in Oregon, encourages more investment in Oregon, more jobs in Oregon, and more production of secure renewable energy in Oregon. Every dollar spent in Oregon on locally made biodiesel is a win for our entire economy.

Sequential Pacific Biodiesel (SQPB) is an Oregon success story. In 2005, SQPB opened a 1 Million gal/yr. plant on property owned by Wildwood/Mahonia President, John D. Miller and quickly began to grow and attract outside capital investment. In 2008, Wildwood/Mahonia assisted in the development of a new state of the art facility located on the same property that is currently the largest and longest running biodiesel facility in Oregon, employing over 90 people and producing over 6 Million gallons of low carbon, sustainable biodiesel each year sourced almost entirely from recycled cooking oil. SQPB's sister company, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, is located on the same site and is engaged in engineering and fabricating biodiesel plants here in Salem, Oregon for installation in Texas, Alaska, California, and Hawaii – creating even more Oregon jobs.

I also support HB 2435 as a customer of sustainably produced biodiesel – our farm equipment and tractors run on biodiesel, as well as my family's personal vehicles. HB 2435 will encourage petroleum retailers throughout the state to offer higher blends of biodiesel, which in turn will attract new customers and increase product accessibility.

HB 2435 paves the way to investment in Oregon, more jobs in Oregon, and more actual production of secure renewable energy in Oregon. I respectfully ask that you pass HB 2435.

Sincerely,



Travis Henry
Vice President
Wildwood, Inc.