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Dear Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express the support of the Portland Development Commission (PDC) for the Oregon Clean Fuels Program and encourage the Oregon Legislature to ensure that this program is implemented to provide greater certainty to the market and our clean technology private partners.

Clean technology is a priority industry for Portland's economic development strategy, and is responsible for significant investment and job growth in the City. This industry includes the clean fuel and electric vehicle sectors, and is rapidly emerging across the state. In Portland alone, there are more than 40 companies that could benefit directly from this market-based program.

The Clean Fuels Program also strengthens the local energy marketplace by diversifying fuel options, reducing fuel costs for consumers and businesses, and helping to drive local economic development. Today, the entire \$5 billion Oregon residents and businesses spend annually on petroleum leaves the state. Programs like the Clean Fuels Program retain some of that investment in our state, which in turn supports Oregon companies and creates local jobs.

For the reasons stated above, we fully support the initiative, including removal of the sunset provision. I appreciate that the Oregon Legislature shares our recognition of the economic opportunity and benefits offered by this program, and look forward to its full implementation.

Sincerely,

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