



RUSSELL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Oregon Clean Fuels Program.

In short, I believe that clean fuels offers a brighter and more secure future for Oregon's economy, new opportunities for job growth and investment, reduced fuel costs by diversifying our fuel options, and a healthier environment.

The Clean Fuels Program will help strengthen the market for Oregon businesses and is estimated to create thousands of jobs. A variety of industries, both rural and urban, would benefit, including clean fuel producers (such as biofuels, electricity, natural gas and propane), their supply chains and especially the construction sector.

Diversifying our fuel choices can also result in cheaper fuel options. We currently send \$5 billion-a year out of state to import fuel. Promoting local clean fuel development allows us to keep more money in state fueling our economic recovery, and lessens our dependence on unstable oil markets and volatile price spikes for consumers.

Finally, the health and environmental benefits of the Clean Fuels Program offer a rare opportunity for our state to improve the economy and reduce pollution. According to the Oregon Health Authority, transportation is the single largest contributor to poor air quality. Promoting low carbon fuels would help improve our state's air quality, and reduce our manmade impact on the climate.

Clean fuels represent an important piece of improving our transportation system. I ask for your support in lifting the current 2015 sunset so we can implement a strong Clean Fuels Program for Oregon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Russell".

John Russell
President