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Oregon Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Testimony for:

SB 488 - Repeals sunset on provisions related to low carbon fuel standards

Dear Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

GreenWood Resources submits this letter in support of SB 488 to repeal the sunset on the Clean Fuels Program (low carbon fuel standards).

Biomass from trees can generate renewable energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. GreenWood's fast-growing tree farms offer a long-term, sustainable feedstock supply for renewable energy markets in Oregon as well as worldwide. GreenWood currently manages approximately 30,000 acres of poplar trees in Oregon for a variety of end uses, including advanced biofuels. Our tree farms are certified through the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) to ensure sustainable business practices. As the primary feedstock provider to ZeaChem Inc.'s demonstration and first commercial biorefinery facilities in Boardman, GreenWood is a strong supporter of efforts to provide a long-term policy to guide Oregon's transportation future.

By growing Oregon's fuel production capabilities, the state will become a national leader in alternatives to imported petroleum. GreenWood is proud to be a part of Oregon's emerging biofuels industry and encourages the state's full support implementing this program.

Best Regards,

GREENWOOD RESOURCES, INC.

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