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Honorable Members
Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee
Oregon State Legislature

Re: SB 488 – SUPPORT: OREGON'S CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM

Honorable Members:

The Coalition For Renewable Natural Gas writes to request your support for SB 488, when it is heard before you and the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee on Monday, March 18th. Specifically, we believe SB 488 will help reduce Oregon's dependence on imported fossil fuels, spur investment in and diversify the State's alternative transportation fuel supply,

The Coalition For Renewable Natural Gas is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement and utilization of renewable natural gas (RNG) as a clean, low-carbon, renewable energy resource for generation of electricity, thermal heat and for transportation fuel purposes.

Molecularly, RNG is the same substance as fossil-fuel natural gas. However, the distinction is in the source (decomposing organic waste versus a fossil fuel well) and in the advanced clean-up process RNG is subject to, to ensure its quality. Compared to gasoline, RNG as a vehicle fuel can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 88%. Increased utilization of RNG for transportation fuel from local organic waste also has positive implications for local, industry-related job creation.

The Coalition's diverse membership and partner organizations include small business, renewable energy developers, engineers, financiers, marketers, transporters, environmental advocates, organized labor, law firms, consumers and utilities alike. Together, we believe the passage of SB 488 will complement Oregon's renewable energy and transportation markets, to the collective benefit of the State's environment and economy.

Please advise if there is anyway we can serve as a resource in assisting your efforts to pass SB 488.

Sincerely,

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